

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HOPEDALE**



ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND EDITION

JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009

FISCAL YEAR 2009

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GENERAL INTEREST INFORMATION

Town of Hopedale – Incorporated April 7, 1886

POPULATION 6,003
 REGISTERED VOTERS 3,937
 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Third Tuesday in May
 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION: Second Tuesday in May
 AREA: 5.12 Square Miles



Editor's Notes:

Thank you to the officials who submitted reports for this edition.

The Town website can be viewed at:

www.hopedale-ma.gov

TOWN OF HOPEDALE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

GENERAL OFFICE:	Area Code (508)
Town Hall	634-2203 (MAIN NO.)
78 Hopedale Street	634-2204
P.O. Box 7	634-2205
Board of Selectmen	Ext. 210
Town Coordinator	Ext. 213
Board of Assessors	Ext. 224
Town Accountant	Ext. 219
Town Clerk	Ext. 215
Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	Ext. 218
Water/Sewer Department	Ext. 217
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	634-2203
7 Depot Street	Ext. 221
COUNCIL ON AGING	634-2208
BANCROFT LIBRARY	634-2209
POLICE DEPARTMENT	624-2227
Police Emergency	911
FIRE DEPARTMENT	473-1050
Fire/Medical Emergency	911
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT	634-2210
154 Mendon Street	
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:	
Memorial School – 54 Adin Street	634-2214
Junior/Senior High School – 25 Adin Street	
Superintendent's Office	634-2220
Principal's Office	634-2217
Guidance Office	634-2221
Pupil Personnel Services	634-2240

FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS

U.S. SENATOR	Senator TBD 317 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 District Office: 2400 JFK Federal Building Boston, MA 02203 (617) 565-3170 E-mail: senator@TBD.senate.gov
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SENATOR MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE	Richard T. Moore State House, Room 111 Boston, MA 02133 (617) 722-1420 E-mail: www.moss.gov
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Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts Elected Officials 2009

		Term Expires
Blackstone Valley School Committee	Paul Yanovitch	2010
Clerk	Janet Orff Jacaruso	2010
Board of Health	Peter B. Mitchell Edward A. Holland, Sr. Robert Moro	2009 2010 2011
Housing Authority	Edith Francis Paula Malloy Karen Villani Louis J. Trevani Nancilee Fuller	State Appointee 2009 2010 2011 2012
Library Trustee	Katherine M. Wright Frederick G. Oldfield, III Nancy Verdolino	2009 2010 2011
Moderator	Francis J. Larkin	2009
Park Commission	Richard Breese Richard P. Espanet Susan Kinkaid	2009 2010 2011
Planning Board	Carol Whyte Howard Maurer Catherine Pisacane Louis Costanza Donna Hayres	2009 2010 2011 2012 2013
Road Commission	Eli J. Potty Joseph C. Sweet John Farrar, Jr.	2009 2010 2011
School Committee	Elizabeth S. Lemer Lori L. Hampsch Richard W. Martin Justine A. Tonelli Susan Palmer-Howes	2009 2009 2010 2010 2011
Selectman	Michael E. Collins Alan J. Ryan Robert P. Burns	2009 2010 2011
Tree Warden	Leo Lyons	2011
Water & Sewer Commission	Aldo P. Tarca Robert H. Bird James M. Morin	2009 2010 2011

Appointed Officials FY2009			* Chairperson	Appointed Officials FY2009			* Chairperson
ADA Coordinator	Eugene Phillips	2009			Cheryl Moreci	2009	
Animal Inspector	Michael Izzo	2009			Claire McCall	2009	
Asst. Animal Inspector	Lenny Izzo	2009			Nanciee Fuller	2010	
					Edward Holland	2010	
					Patricia Johnson	2010	
Bancroft Memorial Library Director	Memly Sparring	Contract		Council on Aging Director	Carole Mullen	Employee	
				Cultural Council			
Board of Assessors	Lisa Alberto*	2009			Ellen Murphy	2009	
	Donald Howes	2010			Kate Nolan-Pisacane	2009	
	Edward Holland, Jr.	2011			Virginia Larkin	2010	
Assessor, Principal	Teresa Gonsalves	Employee			Ann Marie Lockwood	2010	
					Dorothy Susanska	2010	
Board of Registrars	Robert Hammond	2008			Ann Labrode	2010	
	vacant	2009			Sally Decelles	2010	
	Joseph Drugan*	2010			Billi Manning*	2010	
Board of Registrars, Clerk	Janet Orff Jacaruso	2010			Joanne Andreotti	2011	
				Dog Officer	Michael Izzo	2009	
Building Commissioner & Zoning Enforcement Officer	Michael Tusino	2009		Finance Committee			
Asst. Building Comm. & Zoning Enforcement Officer	Michael Giampietro	2009			James Carroll	2011	
					Donald Comastra	2011	
Capital Program Committee	Jim Carroll	2009			Guy Crepeau		
	Colleen Strapponi	2009			Steve Gibler		
	vacant	2011			John Condon		
	vacant	2011			Daniel J. Summers		
					Colleen Strapponi	2011	
Cemetery Committee	Roberta Simmons	2009			Karla Hopkins*	2010	
	vacant	2009		Fire Chief, Local Emergency Mgt & Right to Know Officer	Scott Garland	2009	
	vacant	2010					
Cent. Mass. Reg. Planning	Howard Maurer	2009		Gas & Plumbing Inspector	John Fontana	2009	
				Asst. Gas & Plumbing Insp.	Joseph Zacchilli	2009	
Conservation Commission	Amy J. Burns	2010		Health Agent	Lenny Izzo	Employee	
	Meg McElroy*	2009					
	Matt Correa	2008		Highway Superintendent	Robert DePonte	Employee	
	Brian Gallagher	2008					
	vacant			Historical Commission	Daniel L. Malloy	2010	
Constables	Joseph Conlon	2011			Frederick Oldfield III	2010	
	John Gagnon	2011			Memly Sparring*	2010	
	Donald Martin	2011			Alan Ryan	2009	
	Francis McVeigh	2011			Theresa Ryan	2011	
		2011			Elaine Malloy	2011	
				Housing Authority Director	Katherine Consigli	Contract	
Council on Aging	Virginia Potty	2008		Parking Fines Clerk	Donna Lamphere	2009	
	Barbara Delphos	2008					
	Julia Manning	2008		Police Chief	Eugene P. Costanza	Contract	
	Claudette Hughes	2009					

Red Shop Committee	Thomas McGovern William Gannett Merrily Sparling	2009 2010
School Superintendent	Dr. Patricia Ruane	Contract
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Barbara J. Walls	2009
Town Accountant	Linda Catanzariti	2011
Town Coordinator	Eugene Phillips	Contract
Town Counsel	Kopelman & Paige	2009
Veterans Agent	Anthony Mastroianni	2009
Water & Wastewater Manager	Timothy J. Watson	Employee
Wiring Inspector	Joseph Scanzaroli	2009
Assistant Wiring Inspector	Stephen Wood	2009
Zoning Board of Appeals	Kenneth Piercesaw Mary Arcudi Steven Gallagher* Sandra Slattery-Biagetti Timothy Alger	2011 2011 2009 2009 2010
Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate John Dubois		2010
Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate Nicholas Alexander, Sr.		2009

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTHWARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY

SS. Worcester

To any one of the Constables of the Town of Hopedale

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at the Draper Gymnasium, 13 Dutcher Street

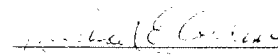
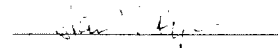
on **TUESDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESSFOR THE COMMONWEALTH
 REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS SECOND DISTRICT
 COUNCILLOR SEVENTH DISTRICT
 SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
 REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT TENTH WORCESTER DISTRICT
 REGISTER OF PROBATE WORCESTER COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 18 day of August, 2008.

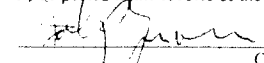
Selectmen of Hopedale, Massachusetts

A true copy, attest:



 Town Clerk

To be posted in the lobbies of the Town Hall, Police Station & Post Office.



 Constable

August 18, 2008.



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Janet Orff Jacaruso

Town Clerk
Notary Public

State Primary Election – September 16, 2008

Registered Voters: 3,877

John Kerry	194
Edward O'Reilly	73
Blanks	2

Richard Neal	202
Blanks	67

Thomas Foley	183
Blanks	86

Richard Moore	210
Blanks	59

John Fernandes	208
Blanks	58
Write-ins	3

Stephen Abraham	180
Blanks	89

Jeffrey Beatty	30
Blanks	1

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION

SS. Worcester

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hopedale,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the State Election to vote at 13 Dutcher Street

on **TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT	STATEWIDE
SENATOR IN CONGRESS	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	SEVENTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	TENTH WORCESTER DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE	WORCESTER COUNTY

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for all categories of taxable income for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

The personal income tax applies to income received or gain realized by individuals and married couples, by estates of deceased persons, by certain trustees and other fiduciaries, by persons who are partners in and receive income from partnerships, by corporate trusts, and by persons who receive income as shareholders of "S corporations" as defined under federal tax law. The proposed law would not affect the tax due on income or gain realized in a tax year beginning before January 1, 2009.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

A NO VOTE would make no change in state income tax laws.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system. Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of \$100. Offenders under the age of 18 would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same \$100 penalty.

Offenders under 18 and their parents or legal guardian would be notified of the offense and the option for the offender to complete a drug awareness program developed by the state Department of Youth Services. Such programs would include ten hours of community service and at least four hours of instruction or group discussion concerning the use and abuse of marijuana and other drugs and emphasizing early detection and prevention of substance abuse.

The penalty for offenders under 18 who fail to complete such a program within one year could be increased to as much as \$1,000, unless the offender showed an inability to pay, an inability to participate in such a program, or the

unavailability of such a program. Such an offender's parents could also be held liable for the increased penalty. Failure by an offender under 17 to complete such a program could also be a basis for a delinquency proceeding.

The proposed law would define possession of one ounce or less of marijuana as including possession of one ounce or less of tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC"), or having metabolized products of marijuana or THC in one's body.

Under the proposed law, possessing an ounce or less of marijuana could not be grounds for state or local government entities imposing any other penalty, sanction, or disqualification, such as denying student financial aid, public housing, public financial assistance including unemployment benefits, the right to operate a motor vehicle, or the opportunity to serve as a foster or adoptive parent. The proposed law would allow local ordinances or bylaws that prohibit the public use of marijuana, and would not affect existing laws, practices, or policies concerning operating a motor vehicle or taking other actions while under the influence of marijuana, unlawful possession of prescription forms of marijuana, or selling, manufacturing, or trafficking in marijuana.

The money received from the new civil penalties would go to the city or town where the offense occurred.

A YES VOTE would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties.

A NO VOTE would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs.

The State Racing Commission would be prohibited from accepting or approving any application or request for racing dates for dog racing.

Any person violating the proposed law could be required to pay a civil penalty of not less than \$20,000 to the Commission. The penalty would be used for the Commission's administrative purposes, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature. All existing parts of the chapter of the state's General Laws concerning dog and horse racing meetings would be interpreted as if they did not refer to dogs.

These changes would take effect January 1, 2010. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective January 1, 2010.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 6th day of October, 2008.

Selectman

Selectman

Selectman
A true copy, attest _____
Town Clerk

To be posted in the lobbies of the Town Hall, Police Station & Post Office.

Constable
October _____, 2008.

Warrant must be posted by **October 28, 2008**.



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Town Clerk
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State Election – November 4, 2008

PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

Baldwin & Castle	9
Barr & Root	15
McCain & Palin	1451
McKinney & Clemente	2
Nader & Gonzalez	40
Obama & Biden	1847
Clinton & Unknown	8
Paul & Unknown	1
All Others	3
Blanks	18
Total	3394

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

John F. Kerry	1999
Jeffrey K. Beatty	1209
Robert J. Underwood	96
All Others	3
Blanks	87
Total	3394

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Richard E. Neal	2502
All Others	20
Blanks	872
Total	3394

QUESTIONS

#1 End Income Tax	Yes 1125	No 2179	Blank 90	Total 3394
#2 Sensible Marijuana Policy	Yes 2181	No 1116	Blank 97	Total 3394
#3 Protect Greyhounds 2010	Yes 1857	No 1436	Blank 101	Total 3394

COUNCILLOR

Thomas J. Foley	2374
All Others	14
Blanks	1006
Total	3394

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Richard T. Moore	2603
All Others	15
Blanks	776
Total	3394

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Stephen G. Abraham	2340
All Others	11
Blanks	1043
Total	3394

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

John V. Fernandes	2601
All Others	14
Blanks	779
Total	3394

TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

LOCAL ELECTION WARRANT

SS. Worcester

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hopedale,
Greetings:

In the name of the Town of Hopedale, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the Local Election to vote at:

George A. Draper Gymnasium
13 Dutcher Street

on TUESDAY, THE TWELVETH DAY OF MAY, 2009, from 7:00AM to 8:00PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Local Election for the candidates for the following offices:

BOARD OF HEALTH.....	3 YEARS
HOUSING AUTHORITY	5 YEARS
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YEARS
MODERATOR	3 YEARS
PARK COMMISSION	3 YEARS
PLANNING BOARD	5 YEARS
PLANNING BOARD	4 YEARS
ROAD COMMISSION	3 YEARS
ROAD COMMISSION	1 YEAR
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2)	3 YEARS
SELECTMAN	3 YEARS
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION	3 YEARS

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 6th day of April 2009.

Michael E. Collins, Chairman

Alan J. Ryan, Selectman

Robert P. Burns, Selectman

This notice shall be posted as required by Town bylaws in three places in the Town of Hopedale: Town Hall, Police Station Lobby and Post Office Lobby.

Return of Service: _____ April 7, 2009
Constable

A true copy, attest: _____
Town Clerk

Annual Town Election May 12, 2009

Board of Health (3 Years)

*Louis Arcudi III	387
Blanks	106
Write-ins	1

Library Trustee (3 Years)

*Katherine M. Wright	382
Blanks	111
Write-ins	1

Park Commissioner (3 Years)

Blanks	402
*David Sparks (Write-in)	51
Write-ins (Multiple)	41

Planning Board (4 Years)

*Amanda Eppley	342
Blanks	149
Write-ins	3

Planning Board (5 Years)

*Carol Whyte	361
Blanks	132
Write-ins	1

Road Commissioner (1 Year)

George Lovewell	349
Blanks	144
Write-ins	1

Road Commissioner (3 Years)

*Eli J. Potty	382
Blanks	112
Write-ins	0

Selectman (3 Years)

*Michael E. Collins	325
Louis Costanza	141
Blanks	25
Write-ins	3

Moderator

*Francis J. Larkin	371
Blanks	120
Write-ins	3

Water & Sewer

Commissioner (3 Years)

*Aldo P. Tarca	381
Blanks	113
Write-ins	0

Housing Authority (5 Years)

Blanks	472
*Janet Orff Jacaruso (W-in)	8
Write-ins (Multiple)	14

School Committee (3 Years)

*Lori L. Hampsch	299
*Grace G. Pool	291
Sandra Slattery Biagetti (W-in)	115
Blanks	0
Write-ins	3

*Indicates winner

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT October 28th FY2008
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, October 28th, 2008, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay a prior year bill (pre-7/1/08), or take any other action related thereto:

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
South County Physical Therapy	\$505.00	Workers Compensation	\$505.00
Ryan Jenkins	\$1,750.00	Fire Department Salaries	\$1750.00

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: The above listed bills were incurred during the previous fiscal year while the actual billing was received after July 1, 2007, the start of the new fiscal year. Since the account for the prior fiscal year has been closed out, it is necessary to pay the amounts, if approved, from currently available funds. A 90% majority will be required for approval.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of \$360,000 to fund the design of a new Water Treatment Plant made necessary by the recent Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection approval of the Greene Street well field, on September 3, 2008, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or note of the Town therefore and that the Treasurer or any other official of the Town is authorized to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement thereunder and a project regulatory agreement to expend any such funds.

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: With the approval to pump water from the Greene Street well field, the town, because of the very high iron content of the water must treat the water removing iron and to be in compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the Federal Environmental Protection Agencies Cleanwater Act.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote transfer from Stabilization \$50,000.00 to partially fund the Workmen's Compensation line item projected deficit, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

Commentary: The Police/Fire Workers Compensation maximum benefit of \$50,000 has been exceeded by an employee. Since this employee was injured in the line of duty the town is responsible for all future bills until this case is concluded.

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to transfer from Library Salaries to Library Professional and Technical the amount of \$3,570, or take any other action related thereto:

Submitted: Board of Library Trustees

Commentary: The Library hired a Bibliotemp From July 1, 2008 through September 22, 2008 at which time the new Librarian, Ann Fields began her duties. The temporary must be paid as a consultant, not under the Salary line.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to accept in lieu of taxes a parcel of land currently owned by One Hundred Forty Realty Trust, said land shown as parcel 2-8-0 on the Hopedale Assessors map, being the premises as described in a deed recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 7322 Page 181, said land being located at 363Adj West Street in the Town of Hopedale, and consisting of 20.990 acres of land more or less, or to take any action relative thereto:

Submitted: Board of Selectmen

Commentary:

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept in lieu of taxes a parcel of land currently owned by Richard L. Rizoli and Gildo Caruso, said land shown as parcel 2-3-0 on the Hopedale Assessors map, being the premises as described in a deed recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 8286 Page 134, said land being located at B West Street in the Town of Hopedale, and consisting of 7.20 acres of land more or less, or to take any action relative thereto:

Submitted: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: The property is currently in Tax Title, but in all likelihood the town will take it for taxes after incurring further legal costs. The owners of the property have indicated they would donate the property to the town if the taxes are forgiven. Current taxes owed are approximately \$25,000. The current value according to the Assessors records exceeds \$75,000.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to charge for each written demand issued by the collector a fee of \$15.00 to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by M. G. L. C60 §15, to be effective January 1, 2009, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted: Selectmen

Commentary:

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a School Bus Transportation Account and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the School Department's Transportation Fee, to be expended under the authority of the School Committee, such expenditures not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the fiscal year 2010; or take any other action related thereto

Submitted: School Committee

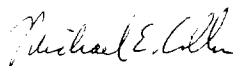
Commentary:


You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixth day of October 2008.

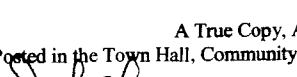
HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Alan J. Ryan


Michael E. Collins
Chairman


Robert R. Burns

A True Copy, ATTEST:
Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby.


Constable #39

100608
Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2008

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Jr. - Sr. High School at 7:00PM. At 7:07PM Moderator Francis J. Larkin declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. The Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated October 6, 2008; said warrant being posted according to Town by-laws by Constable John Gagnon.

Moderator Larkin led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. The assembly paused to remember three individuals who passed since the last town meeting. Moderator Larkin and Fire Chief Scott Garland spoke about Robert "Zeke" Hammond, Helen Hammond and Rev. Richard Drinon, "three magnificent individuals whose loss deeply affects our community." A motion was made to extend Privileges of the Floor to Town Treasurer Collector Barbara Walls, Fire Chief Garland, Police Chief Eugene Costanza, Library Director Ann Fields, and Town Counsel Joyce Frank. Motion was seconded and passed.

Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried.

Finance Committee Chairperson Karla Hopkins presented information regarding the upcoming budgeting process and Ballot Question #1. Superintendent Patricia Ruane spoke of the Walkable Communities Initiative.

Article 1: Selectman Chair Michael Collins moved to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre-7/1/08), as follows:

To Account	Amount	From Account	Amount
South County P. T.	\$505.00	Workers Compensation	\$505.00
Ryan Jenkins	\$1,750.00	Ambulance Account	\$1750.00

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously at 7:30PM.

Article 2: Water & Sewer Commissioner Robert Bird moved to authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of \$360,000 to fund the design of a new Water Treatment Plant made necessary by the recent Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection approval of the Greene Street well field, on September 3, 2008, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or note of the Town therefore and that the Treasurer or any other official of the Town is authorized to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement thereunder and a project regulatory agreement to expend any such funds.

After discussion the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Article 3: Selectman Alan Ryan moved to transfer from Stabilization \$50,000.00 to partially fund the Workmen's Compensation line item projected deficit.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Article 4: Library Trustee Frederick Oldfield moved to transfer from Library Salaries to Library Professional and Technical the amount of \$3,570.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:41PM.

Article 5: Selectman Robert Burns moved to accept as a gift a deed in lieu of taxes to a parcel of land currently owned by One Hundred Forty Realty Trust, said land shown as parcel 2-8-0 on the Hopedale Assessors map, being the premises as described in a deed recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 7322 Page 181, said land being located at 363Adj West Street in the Town of Hopedale, and consisting of 20.990 acres of land more or less.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:45PM.

Article 6: Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to accept as a gift a deed in lieu of taxes to a parcel of land currently owned by Richard L. Rizoli and Gildo Caruso, said land shown as parcel 2-3-0 on the Hopedale Assessors map, being the premises as described in a deed recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 8286 Page 134, said land being located at B West Street in the Town of Hopedale, and consisting of 7.20 acres of land more or less.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:47PM.

Article 7: Selectman Collins moved that the Town charge for each written demand issued by the collector a fee of \$15.00 to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by M. G. L. C60 §15, to be effective January 1, 2009.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:48PM.

Article 8: Superintendent Ruane moved to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a School Bus Transportation Account and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the School Department's Transportation Fee, to be expended under the authority of the School Committee, such expenditures not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the fiscal year 2010.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:50PM.

A motion to dissolve the warrant was heard, seconded and carried.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT March 3rd FY2009
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Stabilization \$100,000 to the following accounts, or take any other action related thereto:

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Police Overtime	\$10,000	Stabilization	\$100,000
Police/Fire Worker Comp	\$50,000		
Snow Removal	\$40,000		

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Commentary: In an effort to reduce the impact of required budget cuts due to reductions in State Aid and Local Revenues in the current fiscal year, the town proposes to use the above amount from the Stabilization Account to offset the impact to the various town departments. This amount will reduce to \$114,083, the budget shortfall which will be made up for in the following warrant article.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to reduce Fiscal Year 2009 budgets previously voted at the May 20, 2008 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Commentary: This article reduces various departmental budgets approved at the annual town meeting held on May 20, 2008. It is required to help close a budget gap created by reduced local aid recently announced by Governor Duval Pairick, shortfalls in projected revenues and known budget shortfalls.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of all or a portion of the parcel of land described below from the Board of Selectmen for park, playground and recreation purposes to the Board of Selectmen for park, playground, recreation, DPW and/or other general municipal purposes being that certain parcel of land located off Mill Street and shown as Parcel A containing 13.25 acres of land and all more particularly described in a deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 43525, Page 79;

and further, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court to approve the change in use and custody of said land for the purpose(s) stated herein pursuant to the provisions of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

or take any other action relative thereto.

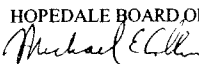
Submitted by: Board of Selectmen


Commentary:

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

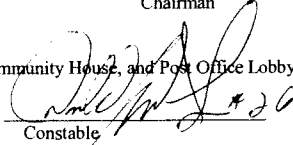
Given under our hands this 9th day of February 2009.


Alan J. Ryan

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael E. Collins
Chairman


Robert P. Burns

A True Copy, ATTEST:
Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby.


Constable

02/10/09
Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES- March 3, 2009

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Jr. - Sr. High School at 7:00PM. At 7:06PM Moderator Francis J. Larkin declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. The Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated February 9, 2009; said warrant being posted according to Town by-laws by Constable John Gagnon.

Moderator Larkin led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. The assembly paused to remember Robert Brown who passed since the last town meeting. Moderator Larkin spoke of Bob's many contributions of talent and time that he generously shared with our community.

Selectman Michael Collins moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 1: Finance Committee member Jim Carroll moved to transfer from Stabilization \$100,000 into the following accounts:

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Police Overtime	\$10,000
Police/Fire Worker Comp	\$50,000
Snow Removal	\$40,000

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously at 7:16PM.

Article 2: Finance Committee Chair Karla Hopkins moved to amend the vote taken on Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 20, 2008 by reducing line items as shown on the new budget contained in the Finance Committee's report* for a total line item reduction of \$79,702.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:46PM.

Article 3: Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to pass over this article.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:47PM.

A motion was made to dissolve the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried at 7:48PM.

A true copy, attest:

Janet Orff Jacaruso, Clerk

*attached

TOWN OF HOPEDALE – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, May 19th, 2009 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.
Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, May 19th, 2009, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of said town, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This article allows the Board of Selectmen and other officers of the town to present a report of their activities to the members of the Town Meeting.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §108 to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer and further to see if the Town will vote to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for his/her service in fiscal year 2010, or take any other action related thereto.

Town Moderator (1)	\$ 200
Board of Selectmen (3)	\$ 5,850
Town Clerk (1)*	\$32,905
Road Commissioners (3)	\$ 1,980
Board of Health (3)	\$ 1,665
Park Commissioners (3)	\$ 1,440
Water/Sewer Commissioners (3)	\$ 1,980
Tree Warden (1)	\$ 900
Planning Board (5)	\$ 3,330
Board of Assessors (3)	\$ 1,665
Board of Registrars (3) appt.	\$ 1,600
Clerk to Registrars (1)	\$ 500
Zoning Board of Appeals (5) appt.	\$ 2,340
Finance Committee (9) appt.	\$ 4,140
School Committee (5)	\$ 4,950
Conservation Committee (5)	\$ 2,300
Library Trustees (3)	\$ 1,440

*Town Clerk is paid weekly; all others twice per year

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This article will fix the annual compensation for elected and appointed official, while the actual funding takes place in articles to follow.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through assessments provided under M.G.L. c. 83, §16, and to be collected under M.G.L. c. 44, §53E bond issue payments of \$69,456.00 for the Sewer Department, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: This article funds an amount necessary to pay the annual bond payment for improvements to the Sewer Treatment Plant made back in 1984.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of monies into and/or out of the Stabilization Fund as provided under M.G.L. c. 40, §5B, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Commentary: This Article will require a 2/3rd's majority vote.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a hazardous waste collection day and recycling program to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Board of Health to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the fiscal year 2010; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

Commentary: This Article will allow the Board of Health to use receipts collected in conjunction with the existing Recycling and Hazardous Waste Collections to fund both operations moving forward during fiscal year 2010 and allow for those unexpended funds to remain in the account at the end of the fiscal year.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the animal control division of the Hopedale Board of Health, which fund will be credited with receipts for the boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the fiscal year 2010; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

Commentary: This Article will allow the Board of Health to use receipts collected in conjunction with the existing Animal Control function to fund operations moving forward during fiscal year 2010 and allow for those unexpended funds to remain in the account at the end of the fiscal year.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the fiscal year 2010, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

Commentary: This Article will allow the Conservation Commission to use receipts collected in conjunction with filing fees on expenditures deemed necessary without further appropriation during fiscal year 2010.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of \$132,448.00 in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

Commentary: This Article will allow the Treasurer to borrow up to the total amount certified by the state for Hopedale Chapter 90 funds for fiscal 2010.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw, to adjust the percentage applicable to the compensation plan, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Personnel Committee

Commentary: This article will adjust the salary grade levels for all non union employees employed by the town, but, outside the school system.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available Treasury funds, such sums of money as deemed necessary to defray Town charges for fiscal Year 2010 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Commentary: This is the principle funding article which will set the spending limits for most departments not funded by offset receipts.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Water Department Budget by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: This is the principle money article which will fund the operations of the Water Department completely from offset receipts.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Sewer Department Budget by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: This is the principle money article which will fund the operations of the Sewer Department completely from offset receipts.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Ambulance Department Budget by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This is the principle money article which will fund the operations of the Ambulance Department completely from offset receipts.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: The anticipated amount is \$1,423 and represents the dues the town pays annually to the Central Massachusetts Regional planning Commission.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of money for the Town's net operating and capital assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional High School, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District

Commentary: The anticipated amount is \$208,106 which is inclusive of \$14,103 for the debt service associated with Hopedale's previously (2001) voted amount for the districts addition/renovation project

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding and operating the Hopedale Cable Advisory Board and other related costs, which fund shall be credited solely with receipts from Comcast pursuant to Sections 5.2(a) and 5.2(b) of the renewal license dated January 9, 1999 to be expended under the authority of the Hopedale Cable Advisory Committee, such expenditures not to exceed \$85,000.00 for the fiscal year 2010; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Cable advisory Committee

Commentary: This Article will allow the Cable Advisory Committee to use receipts collected in conjunction with the existing Hopedale Cable Advisory Committee to fund operations moving forward during fiscal year 2010 and allow for those unexpended funds to remain in the account at the end of the fiscal year.

Article 17: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to M.G. L. Ch. 59 §5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, currently \$4,946.66.00 in valuation or \$620.40, whichever is greater, to \$5,119.80 in valuation or \$642.11, whichever is greater, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Assessors

Commentary: This will increase the amount qualifying seniors receive toward their fiscal year 2010 tax bill.

Article 18: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to increase the amount of the tax exemptions granted to surviving spouse, minor child or elderly person owning real property pursuant to M.G. L. Ch. 59 §5, Clause 17D, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, from \$208.03 to \$215.31, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Assessors

Commentary: This will increase the amount qualifying persons receive toward their fiscal year 2010 tax bill.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of \$3,500 to fund One Third (1/3) of the anticipated cost of recertification of real estate and personal property values for FY2012 as required by the State Department of Revenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Assessors

Commentary: This article is in anticipation of the 2012 recertification.

Article 20: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to accept paragraph 8 of Chapter 60A Section § 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws, inserted by Chapter 182, Section § 16 of the Acts of 2008. This will exempt from Motor Vehicle excise Massachusetts residents who are on active duty outside the country for at least 45 days of the excise calendar year. If the service member is wounded or killed in armed conflict, the exemption will apply regardless of the number of days deployed. The service member may exempt only one vehicle owned and registered for personal use.

Submitted by: Assessors

Commentary: If accepted this will be effective as of January 1, 2010.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote transfer from Stabilization \$60,000.00 to fund the fourth year of a six-year mortgage with Louis J. Noferi as authorized by Article 20 of the April 12, 2005 Annual Town Meeting and as amended by Article 20 of the May 16, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This Article will fund the fourth year of a six year mortgage taken by the town when it purchased over 3 acres of land adjacent to the high school, from Mr. Louis Noferi in FY2006.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §3E1/2 for the purpose of funding a School Bus Transportation Account and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the School Department's Transportation Fee, to be expended under the authority of the School Committee, such expenditures not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the fiscal year 2010; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted: School Committee

Commentary: This Article will allow the School Committee to use receipts, up to a maximum of \$50,000, collected in conjunction with school busing, to fund busing operations during fiscal year 2010 and allow for those unexpended funds to remain in the account at the end of the fiscal year.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, for general municipal purposes, including the purpose of reconstructing the Mill Street Bridge and associated Spindleville Pond Spillway, the fee and drainage easements and/or temporary construction easements in portions of the following parcels of land: (a) land now or formerly owned by M.C. Machine Company, and described in deeds recorded with said Deeds in Book 15928, Page 167 and in Book 15928, Page 164; and (b) land owned by owners unknown and/or the Town of Hopedale, located on Mill Street and as may abut the river, and, further to see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for this purpose and any expenses related thereto and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: This article will allow the Board of Selectmen to acquire for the town, land along and beneath the Mill River, south of the Mill Street Bridge. Ownership of this land is the last remaining portion of lands required by the state to complete a new weir as part of the Mill Street

Bridge rebuilding project. This Article will require a 2/3rd's majority vote.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for architectural and start up costs for the purpose of upgrading the Town Hall to become compliant with Federal Law under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or take any other action related thereto:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: The current Town Hall is in need of major renovations. Currently air quality is poor, heating bills are skyrocketing because of an antiquated heating system, lack of insulation and windows that are original to the building dating back to 1888. The second and third floors are inaccessible to the public as they are not handicap accessible. This article will fund Architectural drawings sufficient to allow the town to seek a Community Development Block Grant that could fund the cost of an elevator as part of the renovation cost.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund a settlement between the Town of Hopedale and James Gardner, a former Hopedale Police Department employee, or take any other action related thereto:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: Mr. Gardner, a former Police Officer who was injured on duty, has recently come to an agreement with the town. The two parties have recently come to an agreement as to what is owed Mr Gardner for unused time owed to him based on the date of departure.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 320 of the General Code of the Town of Hopedale by adding a new section sequentially numbered entitled PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL to read as follows:

No person shall smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in G.L. c. 94C s. 1, as amended) while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, recreation area, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any area owned or under the control of the Town within the limits of the Town of Hopedale; or in or upon any bus or passenger conveyance operated by a common carrier; or in a motor vehicle while it is in, on or upon any public way or any way to which the public has a right of access within the limits of the Town of Hopedale, or in any place to which the public has a right of access.

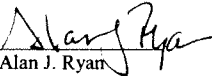
This by-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity including, but not limited to, enforcement by criminal indictment or complaint pursuant to G.L. c. 40 s. 21, or by noncriminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40 s. 21D, by the Board of Selectmen or their duly authorized agents, or any police officer. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for the first offense; Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for the second offense; and Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for any third or subsequent offense. Any penalty imposed under this by-law shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under G.L. c. 94C s. 32L; or take any other action related thereto.

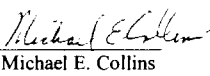
Submitted: Board of Selectmen

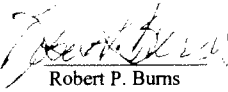
You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at three public places in different parts of the Town not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 4th day of May 2009.

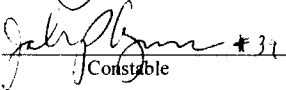
HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

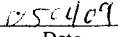

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Chairman


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Constable


Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2009

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Jr. – Sr. High School at 7:00PM. At 7:09PM Moderator Francis Larkin declared a quorum (50) present and convened the Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated May 4, 2009. The warrant was posted according to Town by-laws by a sworn Constable.

Moderator Larkin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to extend privileges of the floor to specific non-residents was made and seconded. The non-residents include Police Chief Eugene Costanza, Town Collector/Treasurer Barbara Walls, Acting Fire Chief Tom Daige and Blackstone Valley Regional School Superintendent Michael Fitzpatrick. The motion was carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator.

Selectman Michael Collins moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Article 1: Selectman Chair Alan Ryan moved to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of said town.
The motion was seconded. No reports were heard at this time.

Article 2: Selectman Michael Collins moved, pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §108 to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer and further to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for his/her service in fiscal year 2010, as follows:

Town Moderator (1)	\$ 200
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The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:19pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 3: Water & Sewer Commission Chairman Robert Bird moved to raise and appropriate through assessments provided under M.G.L. c. 83, §16, and to be collected under M.G.L. c. 44, §53E bond issue payments of \$69,456.00 for the Sewer Department.
The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:20pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 4: Town Coordinator Gene Phillips moved to pass over this article until date certain June 23, 2009.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:21pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 5: Gene Phillips moved to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a hazardous waste collection day and recycling program to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Board of Health to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the fiscal year 2010.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:22pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 6: Gene Phillips moved to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the animal control division of the Hopedale Board of Health, which fund will be credited with receipts for the boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the fiscal year 2010.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:23pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 7: Gene Phillips moved to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the fiscal year 2010.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:23pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 8: Gene Phillips moved to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of \$132,448.00 in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously at 7:25pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 9: Selectman Robert Burns moved to pass over this article until date certain June 23, 2009.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:25pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 10: Gene Phillips moved to pass over this article until date certain June 23, 2009.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:26pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 11: Robert Bird moved to authorize the Water Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$186,920.00, Expenses \$521,500.00, Long Term Debt \$89,880.00.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:27pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 12: Robert Bird moved to authorize the Sewer Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$ 241,002, Expenses \$ 345,453 and Sewer Debt of \$155,125.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:28pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 13: Alan Ryan moved to pass over this article until date certain June 23, 2009.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:28pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 14: Mike Collins moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,423 to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:29pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 15: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional High School Committeeman Paul Yanovitch moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 208,106 for the Town's net operating and capital assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional High School, which is inclusive of \$ 14,103 for the debt service associated with Hopedale's previously (2001) voted amount for the District's addition/renovation project.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:31pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 16: Gene Phillips moved to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding and operating the Hopedale Cable Advisory Board and other related costs, which fund shall be credited solely with receipts from Comcast pursuant to Sections 5.2(a) and 5.2(b) of the renewal license dated January 9, 1999 to be expended under the authority of the Hopedale Cable Advisory Committee, such expenditures not to exceed \$85,000.00 for the fiscal year 2010.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:32pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 17: Principal Assessor Teri Gonsalves moved to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to M.G. L. Ch. 59 §5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, currently \$4,946.66 in valuation or \$620.40, whichever is greater, to \$5,119.80 in valuation or \$642.11, whichever is greater.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:33pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 18: Teri Gonsalves moved to pass over this article.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:33pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 19: Teri Gonsalves moved to pass over this article.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:33pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 20: Teri Gonsalves moved to accept paragraph 8 of Chapter 60A Section § 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws, inserted by Chapter 182, Section § 16 of the Acts of 2008. This will exempt from motor vehicle excise Massachusetts residents who are on active duty outside the country for at least 45 days of the excise calendar year. If the service member is wounded or killed in armed conflict, the exemption will apply regardless of the number of days deployed. The service member may exempt only one vehicle owned and registered for personal use.

Commentary: If accepted this will be effective as of January 1, 2010.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:35pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 21: Robert Burns moved to transfer from Stabilization \$60,000.00 to fund the current installment of a six-year mortgage with Louis J. Noferi as authorized by Article 20 of the April 12, 2005 Annual Town Meeting and as amended by Article 20 of the May 16, 2006 Annual Town Meeting.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by voice vote at 7:37pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 22: Superintendent Patricia Ruane moved to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a School Bus Transportation Account and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the School Department's Transportation Fee, to be expended under the authority of the School Committee,

such expenditures not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the fiscal year 2010.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:40pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 23: Gene Phillips moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, for general municipal purposes, including the purpose of reconstructing the Mill Street Bridge and associated Spindleville Pond Spillway, the fee and drainage easements and/or temporary construction easements in portions of the following parcels of land: (a) land now or formerly owned by M.C. Machine Company, and described in deeds recorded with said Deeds in Book 15928, Page 167 and in Book 15928, Page 164; and (b) land owned by owners unknown and/or the Town of Hopedale, located on Mill Street and as may abut the river, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by voice vote at 7:43pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 24: Michael Collins moved to pass over this article until date certain June 23, 2009. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:44pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 25: Robert Burns moved to pass over this article until date certain June 23, 2009. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:45pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 26: Alan Ryan moved to amend Chapter 320 of the General Code of the Town of Hopedale by adding a new section sequentially numbered entitled PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL to read as follows:

No person shall smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in G.L. c. 94C s. 1, as amended) while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, recreation area, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any area owned or under the control of the Town within the limits of the Town of Hopedale; or in or upon any bus or passenger conveyance operated by a common carrier; or in a motor vehicle while it is in, on or upon any public way or any way to which the public has a right of access within the limits of the Town of Hopedale, or in any place to which the public has a right of access.

This by-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity including, but not limited to, enforcement by criminal complaint pursuant to G.L. c. 40 s. 21, or by noncriminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40 s. 21D, by the Board of Selectmen or their duly authorized agents, or any police officer. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for the first offense; Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for the second offense; and Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for any third or subsequent offense. Any penalty imposed under this by-law shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under G.L. c. 94C s. 32L.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:49pm as declared by the Moderator.

Gene Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting until date certain June 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote at 7:49pm as declared by the Moderator.

A true copy, attest:

Janet Orff Jacaruso
Town Clerk

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT June 23rd FY2009
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2009, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre-7/1/08), or take any other action related thereto:

To Account	Amount	From Account	Amount
EnTact Solutions, Inc. (ETS)	\$5,910.00	Coordinator – Environmental Cleanup	\$5,910.00
Doering Equipment Co.	\$ 33.69	Water, Bldg Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 33.69

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: The above listed bills were incurred during the previous fiscal year while the actual billing was received after July 1, 2008, the start of the new fiscal year. Since the account for the prior fiscal year has been closed out, it is necessary to pay the amounts, if approved, from currently available funds. A 90% majority will be required for approval.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer sums of money from certain accounts to others to adjust the fiscal year 2009 operating budget, or take any other action related thereto:

To Account	Amount	From Account	Amount
Coordinator – Environmental Cleanup	\$14,340.00	RR Track Relocation Art. 12 6/20/06	\$14,340.00
Selectmen, Mendon Fire Dept	\$ 7,781.25	School Building Committee	\$ 5,781.25
Street Lighting	\$ 2,000.00	XXXXXXXXXX	\$ 4,000.00

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Commentary: The above items represent amounts exceeded by budgets in various departments

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Retained Earnings, the sum of \$100,000.00 to offset debt payments, or take any other action related thereto:

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: This funding will offset a portion of debt payments thus allowing the Water & Sewer Commissioners to keep user fees lower than would otherwise be possible.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Retained Earnings, the sum of \$70,000.00 to offset debt payments, or take any other action related thereto:

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: This funding will offset a portion of debt payments thus allowing the Water & Sewer Commissioners to keep user fees lower than would otherwise be possible.

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws by striking Chapter 26 §§ 1-3 of the Town Code, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted: Treasurer/Collector

Commentary: It has been very difficult to maintain a Capital Planning Committee as few people have volunteered. Since the town has this bylaw we are required, by bond counsel, to get a recommendation from the committee prior to borrowing money. Two choices exist, one is to abolish the requirement or two would be to find individuals who will meet throughout the year.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of eight hundred thousand Dollars (\$800,000) to fund the replacement cost of a portion of the roof at the Memorial School, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; that the Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-three and fifty-three hundredths percent (53.53%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to an contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

Submitted by: School Committee

Commentary: The total cost of the replacement will likely be in the vicinity of \$800,000 of which the Massachusetts School Building Authority will reimburse at 53.53%. Engineering work has already been completed for this project.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds such sums as may be required for various purposes, or take any other related action thereto.

Submitted by: Capital Planning Committee

Commentary: It is anticipated this article will transfer from Free Cash various sums for capital items. Free Cash has been traditionally used to fund capital items of a non recurring nature. The following items are being suggested for funding:

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Stabilization, a sum of monies to offset any year end deficit in the Health Insurance Trust Fund, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

Commentary: The Town of Hopedale began a self-funded insurance program last fiscal year for Blue Cross/Blue Shield. This article will cover any potential deficit. If there is no deficit this article will be passed over. This article will require a 2/3's majority vote.

Article 9: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to amend the Hopedale Zoning By-Law by amending portions of "Section 12 - Prohibited Uses", by adding Medical Waste Treatment Facility. The proposed amendment is:

12.12 Definition: Any structure or facility (or part thereof), or any parcel of land, used for the purpose of treating, processing, staging, storing or disposing of infectious or physically dangerous medical or biological waste. The waste described in this definition shall mean waste which because of its characteristics may: cause, or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness; or pose a substantial present potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed, and shall include all "Infectious or Physically Dangerous Medical or Biological Waste", as that term is defined (from time to time) in 105 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 480.000 "Storage and Disposal of Infectious or Physically Dangerous Medical or Biological Waste State Sanitary Code Chapter VII" or, in the event that such definition is repealed, as said waste is defined elsewhere in said Code of Massachusetts Regulation or applicable state law. Medical Waste Treatment Facilities' shall not include hospitals, clinics, medical or dental offices, or laboratories, that treat or process waste described in this section that is generated by such facilities' primary activities, provided that such waste is treated or processed in accordance with all applicable laws.

*Prohibited in all zoning districts.

Submitted by: Planning Board

Commentary:

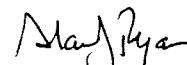
You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 1st day of June 2009.

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Michael E. Collins



Alan J. Ryan
Chairman



Robert P. Burns

A True Copy, ATTEST: 
Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby.

Constable

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Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (CONT.)
& SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2009

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Jr. - Sr. High School at 7:00PM. At 7:11PM Moderator Francis Larkin declared a quorum (50) present and reconvened the Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated May 4, 2009. The Special Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated June 1, 2009. The warrants were posted according to Town by-laws by a sworn Constable.

Moderator Larkin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to extend privileges of the floor to specific non-residents was made and seconded. The non-residents include Police Chief Eugene Costanza, Town Collector/Treasurer Barbara Walls, Acting Fire Chief Tom Daige, Library Director Ann Fields and Blackstone Valley Regional School Superintendent Michael Fitzpatrick. The motion was carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator.

Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Eugene Phillips moved to recess the Annual Town Meeting, to be reopened at the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting, and to open the Special Town Meeting. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator.

Article 1: Selectman Chair Alan Ryan moved to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay a prior year bill (pre-7/1/08) as follows:

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>
EnTact Solutions, Inc. (ETS)	\$5,910.00	Coordinator – Environmental Cleanup
Doering Equipment Co.	\$ 33.69	Water, Bldg Repairs & Maintenance

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 7:17pm.

Article 2: Finance Committee Chair Karla Hopkins moved to pass over this article. The motion was seconded and passed at 7:18pm.

Article 3: Town Coordinator Phillips moved to transfer from Water Retained Earnings, the sum of \$100,000.00 to offset debt payments for fiscal year 2010. The motion was seconded and passed at 7:23pm.

Article 4: Gene Phillips moved to transfer from Sewer Retained Earnings, the sum of \$70,000.00 to offset debt payments. The motion was seconded and passed at 7:26pm.

Article 5: Alan Ryan moved to pass over this article that will be considered at the Fall 2009 Special Town Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed at 7:27pm.

Article 6: School Superintendent Patricia Ruane moved to appropriate the sum of seven hundred thousand (\$700,000) Dollars for the replacement cost of a portion of the roof at the Hopedale Memorial School, located at 6 Prospect Street and including 27,000 square feet, plus or minus, of roof section belonging to the older portion of the buildings which include all sections present prior to the 1995 addition, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, and to meet said appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; that the Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-three and fifty-three hundredths percent (53.53%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA. The motion was seconded and passed by a 2/3 majority at 7:32pm as declared by the Moderator.

Article 7: Karla Hopkins moved to transfer from FY2008 certified Free Cash the amount of \$113,360 to be expended for the following projects:

• School Dept, Technology	\$59,000
• School Dept, Van	\$11,760
• Fire Dept., Turnout Gear	\$15,600
• Police Cruiser	\$27,000

The motion was seconded and passed at 7:37pm.

Article 8: Selectman Mike Collins moved to pass over this article. The motion was seconded and passed at 7:37pm.

Article 9: Planning Board Member Carol Whyte moved to amend the Hopedale Zoning By-Law by amending portions of "Section 12 – Prohibited Uses", by adding Medical Waste Treatment Facility. The proposed amendment is:

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shall mean waste which because of its characteristics may: cause, or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness; or pose a substantial present potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed, and shall include all "Infectious or Physically Dangerous Medical or Biological Waste", as that term is defined (from time to time) in 105 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 480.000 "Storage and Disposal of Infection or Physically-Dangerous Medical or Biological Waste State Sanitary Code Chapter VII" or, in the event that such definition is repealed, as said waste is defined elsewhere in said Code of Massachusetts Regulation or applicable state law. Medical Waste Treatment Facilities' shall not include hospitals, clinics, medical or dental offices, or laboratories, that treat or process waste described in this section that is generated by such facilities' primary activities, provided that such waste is treated or processed in accordance with all applicable laws.

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The motion was seconded.

The article received a unanimous recommendation from the Planning Board.

After much discussion a motion to move the question was made, seconded and passed. The main motion was passed by a voiced and standing 2/3-majority vote as declared by the Moderator.

A motion to dissolve the Special Town Meeting Warrant was heard, seconded and passed.

A motion to reopen the recessed Annual Town Meeting was heard, seconded and passed.

Gene Phillips moved to hear reports from any offices, departments or committees. The motion was seconded and passed. School Committee Chair Richard Martin spoke regarding the school budget, retiring member Liz Lerner, new member Grace Pool and a regionalization sub-committee that will present its report in March 2010.

Gene Phillips moved to require any increase request in a specific budget item to be offset with a corresponding budget item decrease due to the Town reaching the levy limit. The motion was seconded and passed at 8:09pm.

Article 4: Finance Committee Chair Karla Hopkins moved to create a Capital Improvement Stabilization Account to be used for the purposes of providing funding for the improvements and rehabilitation of municipal buildings, and to transfer from 2008 Certified Free Cash into the Capital Improvement Stabilization Account the amount of \$142,299.

The motion was seconded and passed by a 2/3 majority as declared by the Moderator at 8:14pm. (1 negative vote).

Article 9: Selectman Robert Burns moved, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw, Section 137-17 to adjust the salaries to be paid by an increase of 0.00% as shown on the Compensation Plan:

Town of Hopedale

Rate Schedule

2010 Rate Increase = 0.0%

Grade	Hourly		Annual		Annual		% Between Grades	% Between Min/Max
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum @40.0 Hr	Maximum @40.0 Hr	Minimum @37.5 Hr	Maximum @37.5 Hr		
1	\$ 10.33	\$ 12.40	\$ 21,574.55	\$ 25,889.46	\$ 20,148.64	\$ 24,178.37		20%
2	\$ 13.43	\$ 16.12	\$ 27,939.45	\$ 33,527.34	\$ 26,193.23	\$ 31,431.88	30%	20%
3	\$ 13.97	\$ 16.76	\$ 29,067.77	\$ 34,870.58	\$ 27,251.04	\$ 32,691.17	4%	20%
4	\$ 14.53	\$ 17.44	\$ 30,222.96	\$ 36,267.56	\$ 28,334.03	\$ 34,000.83	4%	20%
5	\$ 15.25	\$ 18.30	\$ 31,727.40	\$ 38,067.50	\$ 29,744.43	\$ 35,688.28	5%	20%
6	\$ 16.02	\$ 19.22	\$ 33,312.42	\$ 39,974.91	\$ 31,230.40	\$ 37,476.47	5%	20%
7	\$ 17.29	\$ 20.76	\$ 35,972.04	\$ 43,171.82	\$ 33,723.79	\$ 40,473.58	8%	20%
8	\$ 17.99	\$ 21.60	\$ 37,422.74	\$ 44,918.04	\$ 35,083.82	\$ 42,110.66	4%	20%
9	\$ 18.71	\$ 24.32	\$ 38,927.18	\$ 50,586.52	\$ 36,494.23	\$ 47,424.87	4%	30%
10	\$ 20.59	\$ 26.76	\$ 42,822.58	\$ 55,663.98	\$ 40,146.17	\$ 52,184.98	10%	30%
11	\$ 23.67	\$ 31.95	\$ 49,243.28	\$ 66,463.65	\$ 46,165.58	\$ 62,309.68	15%	35%
12	\$ 28.40	\$ 41.19	\$ 59,075.82	\$ 85,672.03	\$ 55,383.58	\$ 80,317.52	20%	45%

The motion was seconded and passed at 8:15pm.

Article 10: Karla Hopkins moved to raise and appropriate \$18,464,911*, transfer from School Building Study Committee \$5,940.08, from Council on Aging Center Study \$4,962.56, from RR Relocation of Art 12 of the 06/12/06 ATM \$15,000 and from Certified 2008 Free Cash \$21,030 to defray Town charges for fiscal year 2010 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report.

*** CORRECTION:** The correct amount for raise & appropriate is **\$18,458,843**. The difference of \$6,068 is an arithmetical error. No budget figures have been changed, rather the incorrect total. Kathy Reed of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue has approved this correction.

Ms. Hopkins read the following budget numbers into the record:

100 GENERAL GOVERNMENT		200 PUBLIC SAFETY		500 HUMAN SERVICES	
	FY10		FY10		FY10
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	200	SALARIES	876,572	SALARY & WAGES PERM	41,417
EXPENSES	0	EXPENSES	116,075	SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	1,665
TOWN MODERATOR	200	POLICE	992,647	EXPENSES	401,550
				HEALTH OFFICER	444,632
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	5,850	DISPATCH EXPENSE	30,000		
EXPENSES	4,050	DISPATCH	30,000	SALARIES	44,587
SELECTMEN	9,900			EXPENSES	19,960
SALARIES	122,338	SALARIES	382,460	COUNCIL ON AGING	64,547
EXPENSES	41,994	EXPENSES	86,900		
COORDINATOR	164,332	FIRE	469,360	SALARY, PERMANENT	2,997
				EXPENSES	28,400
SALARY, APPOINTED	4,140	POLICE DETAIL SALARIES	7,200	VETERANS	31,397
EXPENSES	925	TOWN POLICE DETAIL	7,200		
FINANCE COMMITTEE	5,065			COMMISSION ON DISABILITY	135
		SALARIES	23,509		
RESERVE FUND	100,000	EXPENSES	5,850	TOTAL - HUMAN SERVICES	548,711
		BUILDING INSPECTOR	29,359		
SALARIES	76,285				
EXPENSES	22,350	SALARY & WAGES PERM	7,000		
ACCOUNTANT	98,635	EXPENSES	500	600 CULTURE AND RECREATION	
		PLUMBING INSPECTOR	7,500	SALARY & WAGES PERM	139,994
SALARIES, PERMANENT	91,834			SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	1,440
SALARIES, APPOINTED	1,665	SALARY & WAGES PERM	7,000	EXPENSES	81,073
EXPENSES	20,630	EXPENSES	500	LIBRARY	222,507
ASSESSORS	114,129	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	7,500		
				SALARY, PERMANENT	29,876
SALARIES, PERMANENT	118,576	SALARIES	750	SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	1,440
EXPENSES	28,402	WEIGHTS & MEASURES	750	EXPENSES	23,488
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	146,978	CIVIL DEFENSE (EMS)	2,900	PARKS	54,804
				RED SHOP TOTAL	4,800
TOWN COUNSEL	60,000	SALARY & WAGES PERM	7,030	EXPENSES	2,570
CABLE TV COMMITTEE	85,000	EXPENSES	300	HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	2,570
TAX TITLE	4,500	DOG OFFICER	7,330		
				MEMORIAL DAY	300
SALARIES, ELECTED	32,905	SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	900	CULTURAL COUNCIL	4,000
EXPENSES	2,150	EXPENSES	15,860		
TOWN CLERK	35,055	FORESTRY-TREE PLANTING	16,760	TOTAL - CULTURE AND REC	288,981
		FORESTRY-PEST CONTROL	270		
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	1,400	FORESTRY-DUTCH ELM	450		
EXPENSES	2,800	TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	1,572,026	700 DEBT SERVICE	
ELECTIONS	4,200			RETIREMENT OF DEBT - PRI	1,601,141
				RETIREMENT OF DEBT - INTL	554,121
SALARIES	1,600	300 EDUCATION		TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE	2,155,262
EXPENSES	3,000	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	9,050,000		
REGISTRATION	4,600			800 INTERGOVERNMENTAL	
				COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	492,527
SALARY	600	400 PUBLIC WORKS		TOTAL INTERGOV.	492,527
EXPENSES	600	SALARIES, ELECTED	1,980		
PARKING CLERK	1,200	SALARIES, PERMANENT	295,756	200 MISCELLANEOUS	
		EXPENSES	190,100	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENS.	200,000
SALARY, APPOINTED	2,340	HIGHWAY	487,836	MEDICARE	151,000
EXPENSES	0			HEALTH AND LIFE INS. PREM.	2,300,000
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	2,340	SALARIES	20,000	WORKERS COMPENSATION	92,884
		EXPENSES	105,000	LIABILITY INSURANCE	126,520
SALARIES PERMANENT	1,200	SNOW REMOVAL	125,000	TOTAL - MISCELLANEOUS	2,870,404
SALARIES APPOINTED OFFICIALS	3,330	STREET LIGHTING	45,000		
EXPENSES	6,100				
PLANNING BOARD	10,630	SALARY, PERMANENT	1,655		
		EXPENSES	675		
SALARIES PERMANENT	900	CEMETERY	2,330		
SALARIES APPOINTED OFFICIALS	2,340	TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS	668,166		
EXPENSES	2,100				
ZONING BOARD	5,340				
COMPUTER	31,755				
PUBLIC BLD - TOWN HALL	76,840				
TOTAL - GENERAL GOVT	875,699	TOTAL	18,505,775		

The following accounts were asked to be placed "on hold": Town Counsel, Cable TV Committee, Fire, Forestry – Tree Planting, School Department, Health Officer, Veterans, Health & Life Insurance Premiums, and Workers' Compensation. A motion was made to remove the Cable TV budget of \$85,000 as this funding was previously addressed in Article 16 during the first session of the Annual Town Meeting on May 19, 2009. The motion was seconded and passed at 9:00pm. The remaining "holds" were discussed, seconded and were all approved as declared by the Moderator. The Moderator then heard a motion to accept the entire budget as read by Ms. Hopkins (with the exception of the \$85,000 Cable TV budget which was removed). The motion was seconded and passed at 9:29pm.

Article 13: Karla Hopkins moved to authorize the Ambulance Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$112,316, Expenses \$46,163. The motion was seconded and passed at 9:29pm.

Article 24: Alan Ryan moved to pass over this article. The motion was seconded and passed at 9:29pm.

Article 25: Alan Ryan moved to pass over this article. The motion was seconded and passed at 9:30pm.

A motion to dissolve the warrant was heard, seconded and carried at 9:30pm.

A true copy, attest:

Janet Orff Jacaruso
Town Clerk



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Town Accountant
Linda Catanzariti

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Board of Selectmen and
Residents of Hopedale

The following report reflects the financial condition of the Town of Hopedale as of June 30, 2009 and for the year then ended. The financial statements include the combined balance sheet and combined statement of revenues and expenditures.

I would like to thank the various town departments for their assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Catanzariti
Town Accountant

Town of Hopedale Combined Balance Sheet June 30, 2009

	General Fund (1)	Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-43)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Health Insurance (69)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
ASSETS									
Cash & Investments	2,446,441.65	1,092,885.86	1,143,563.78	133,759.81	249,631.11	939,926.77	1,465,643.92	-	7,471,852.90
Cash & Investments									331,900.00
Premium Deposit (Self-Insurance)									
Receivables:									
Personal Property	39,075.75								39,075.75
Real Estate	315,338.39								315,338.39
Tax Liens	364,629.85								364,629.85
Deferred Property	19,337.02								19,337.02
Tax Foreclosures	71,497.25								71,497.25
Motor Vehicle Excise	125,030.39								125,030.39
Total Tax and Excise	954,908.65								954,908.65
User Charges				14,231.84					14,231.84
Other Service				(6,854.61)					(6,854.61)
Special Assessments				906,270.94					906,270.94
Ambulance Receivable		100,017.11							100,017.11
Utilities Liens Added to Taxes				587.28					587.28
Total User Charges and Assessments		100,017.11		916,234.95					916,234.95
Total Receivables	954,908.65	100,017.11		916,234.95					1,079,077.98
Due from Commonwealth									
Bonds Authorized									
Bonds Authorized and Unissued									
Amounts to be Provided for BANS									
Amounts to be Provided for Bonds									
TOTAL ASSETS	3,401,350.30	1,192,902.97	1,503,563.78	1,049,994.76	629,914.04	1,271,826.77	1,465,643.92		28,113,029.59

Town of Hopdale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2009

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-42)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Health Insurance (69)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
LIABILITIES									
Warrants Payable	463,462.45	69,846.20	23,161.37	23,172.72	44,571.54	618.97	4,293.00		629,126.25
Medical Claims Payable	172,506.47					429,830.00			429,830.00
Withholdings	298,263.61								172,506.47
Provision for Abatelements/Exemptions									298,263.61
Agency Accounts							145,031.41		145,031.41
Tailings	8,975.76								8,975.76
Deferred Revenue:									
Property Taxes	56,150.53								56,150.53
Tax Liens	384,626.53								384,626.53
Deferred Taxes	19,337.02								19,337.02
Tax Foreclosures	71,497.25								71,497.25
Motor Vehicle	125,030.39								125,030.39
Water & Sewer				915,743.17					915,743.17
Ambulance		100,017.11		587.28					100,017.11
Utilities Liens Added to Taxes					62,273.61				62,273.61
Intergovernmental					317,457.01				317,457.01
Bond Anticipation Notes	656,841.72	100,017.11		916,330.45	380,337.93				317,457.01
Bond Payable:			360,000.00						2,053,327.21
Sewer Plant									360,000.00
Water Expansion									
High School Building								610,000.00	610,000.00
Memorial School Building								1,475,657.00	1,475,657.00
Fire Station Renovation								8,830,000.00	8,830,000.00
Fire Station Contamination								2,125,000.00	2,125,000.00
Storm Water								1,537,350.00	1,537,350.00
Sewer Upgrades								117,650.00	117,650.00
Fire Ladder Truck								329,176.05	329,176.05
								1,993,000.00	1,993,000.00
								580,000.00	580,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,599,850.01	169,863.31	383,161.37	939,503.17	424,909.47	430,448.97	149,324.41	17,597,833.05	21,694,893.76

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Town of Hopdale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2009

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-42)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Health Insurance (69)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
FUND BALANCE									
Reserved Fund Balance:									
Reserved for Other Purposes	276,689.00								276,689.00
Reserved for Encumbrances	297,075.05			247.97	204.10				297,527.12
Reserved for Carryovers	413,844.17				25,000.00				438,844.17
Reserved for Petty Cash	220.00								220.00
Reserved for Special Purposes	987,828.22			70,000.00	100,000.00				170,000.00
Designated Fund Balance		1,023,039.66	1,120,402.41	70,247.97	125,204.10				1,183,280.29
Unreserved Fund Balance	813,668.75			40,243.62	79,800.47	841,377.80	1,316,319.51		4,301,139.38
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	1,801,496.97	1,023,039.66	1,120,402.41	110,491.59	205,004.57	841,377.80	1,316,319.51		6,418,132.51
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	3,401,346.98	1,192,902.97	1,503,563.78	1,049,994.76	629,914.04	1,271,826.77	1,465,643.92	17,597,833.05	28,113,026.27

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Town of Hopkiss
Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2009

General Fund	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Water Enterprise Fund	Health Insurance	Trust & Agency Funds	Long Term Debt Account Group	Total
(1)	(22-25)	(30-42)	(61)	(20)	(65)	(81-85)	(90)	
REVENUE								
Taxes								
Personal Property	235,233.31							235,233.31
Real Estate	9,572,578.47							9,572,578.47
Tax Lien Redemption	81,735.09							81,735.09
Tax Foreclosure								
Motor Vehicle Excise	681,976.46							681,976.46
Penalties & Interest	97,525.23							97,525.23
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	46,202.75							46,202.75
Total Taxes	10,705,251.31							10,705,251.31
User Charges								
Water								
Sewer								
Assessments			571,275.08					565,878.57
Total User Charges			640,625.62					143,615.39
State Aid								
Other Special Revenue	7,672,144.50	478,699.81						8,150,844.41
	2,756,026.84							2,756,026.84
Other Local Receipts								
Charges for Services	142,733.89	254,456.32						397,230.21
Licenses & Permits	67,822.00							67,822.00
Fines & Forfeits	22,003.01							22,003.01
Interest	56,681.41		3,560.50					60,241.91
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	78,168.09	254,456.32						332,624.41
	367,409.40		3,560.50					370,969.90
Total Other Local Receipts	18,144,805.31	3,489,227.97	644,186.32					22,268,219.60
TOTAL REVENUE								24,968,865.41

Town of Hopkiss
Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2009

General Fund	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Water Special Enterprise Fund	Health Insurance	Trust & Agency Funds	Long Term Debt Account Group	Total
(1)	(22-25)	(30-42)	(61)	(20)	(65)	(81-85)	(90)	
EXPENDITURES								
Expenditures								
General Government								
Police	938,475.44							1,077,048.03
Fire	1,140,083.67							1,171,520.25
Ambulance	514,767.99							527,965.80
Inspectors	143,833.94							170,487.43
Forestry	42,010.42							42,010.42
Other Public Safety	16,900.00							16,900.00
Education	20,474.42							20,474.42
Highway	9,496,029.34							12,438,029.35
Sewer	782,703.05							824,206.50
Water								
Other Public Works	49,542.72							1,564,352.53
Board of Health	419,729.31							838,088.45
Control on Aging	59,936.13							51,652.72
Veterans	21,310.07							431,334.63
Library	240,861.48							55,028.13
Parks	61,168.91							21,370.07
Council on Arts	3,880.00							253,318.50
Other Culture and Recreation	7,936.18							78,848.67
Deed Service	2,089,300.05							6,530.00
State and County Charges	934,603.44							7,936.16
Employee Benefits	569,276.64							2,375,964.70
Total Expenditures	17,556,605.06	3,273,865.80	1,119,805.87	738,446.66	806,153.28	2,235,253.40	2,865,976.04	25,729,538.07
Excess (deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures								
	1,188,200.25	215,357.17	(1,119,605.87)	194,260.34	4,859.21	(970,441.19)	44,920.11	(730,970.66)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Other Financing Sources	411,133.08							3,965,668.81
Other Financing Uses	(1,353,340.92)	(1,368,633.06)	2,087,936.55					(1,764,474.00)
	(942,207.84)	(1,368,633.06)	2,087,936.55					2,105,194.61
Excess at Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other (Uses)	245,992.41	16,724.09	968,330.68	(94,280.34)	4,858.21	(382,886.73)	(152,321.83)	1,374,223.55

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Annual Report for FY2009**

The Assessor's Office would like to welcome Edward A. Holland, Jr., as a member of the Board of Assessors and thank him for his time and commitment to the Town. Ed was appointed to the Board in July of 2008.

The Department of Revenue recertified the Town's values for Fiscal Year 2009. With this recertification and the approval of the Department of Revenue the Town was able to set its 2009 tax rate, the residential rate for FY2009 is \$12.69 and the Commercial, Industrial & Personal Property tax rate is \$20.24.

The Department of Revenue requires towns to be recertified every three years. The next recertification will be for Fiscal Year 2012. To meet the requirements for recertification the Assessor's Office will continue to do property inspections throughout town. The inspections verify the Assessor's Office has the correct property information. This would include the total square footage (exterior), interior information (including finished basements), and other property improvements (pools, sheds and other exterior improvements). The inspections are triggered for various reasons including sales in the previous calendar year, properties with permits and if a property has not been inspected in the past three to five years. The Assessor's Office and The Board of Assessors would like to thank the property owners for their cooperation when inspections are requested.

To help with the continued success of property inspections the office sends a post card indicating the inspection will be in the next few weeks. When property inspections begin each year the information is put on the Town's Cable Station and the Town's Web Site.

Town Maps and property record cards are available on the Town's web site www.hopedale-ma.gov. Property record cards may also be found at www.patriotproperties.com

The Town offers various exemptions to eligible property owners; please contact our office for more information. Various information and exemption forms are available on the Town's web site www.hopedale-ma.gov.

Respectfully submitted
Lisa M. Alberto, Chairperson Board of Assessors
Donald W. Howes, Board of Assessors
Edward A. Holland, Jr., Board of Assessors

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**Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director**

Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Report



STUDENTS PREPARE FOR SUCCESS IN GLOBAL MARKETPLACE: As high school students face the future challenges of a complex global workforce environment, it is clear they must be taught complex academic concepts and sophisticated life skills. A recognized leader in educational settings, the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, with the continuous and generous support of its citizenry, prepares students for successful careers at postsecondary institutions or in the labor market.

Vocational technical education is garnering greater attention because, as Valley Tech has demonstrated, the systems are capable of linking academic learning with practical lessons. This has created more motivated learners and the high levels of student achievement speak volumes.

During Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009), there were many noteworthy accomplishments of Valley Tech students, staff and administrators. Your vocational technical system which serves 13 contiguous towns, however, embraces change and rather than concentrate on the attainments of the past, constantly seeks to improve its curriculum and facility to provide greater opportunity for expanding learning.

Mindful of the uncertain national and state economic climate, Valley Tech held its FY09 total assessment increase to member towns to 3.93 percent. Throughout FY09, officials worked to reduce expenditures in order to present a FY10 budget, subsequently unanimously approved by all district member towns, which reflected an overall increase of just 1.99 percent.

The total student enrollment at Valley Tech continues to rise to more than 1,100 students and in FY10 the system is preparing to launch a postsecondary Licensed Practical Nurse program. In addition to updating and reconfiguring learning laboratories to reflect industry and employment trends, Valley Tech is looking toward the development of nearly 30 acres of donated land located a few miles from the campus for additional athletic space.

VALLEY TECH STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT: On the national stage, Valley Tech won four gold medals through the efforts of one student and a three-person team

competing in the prestigious SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. Katelyn Christiansen of Uxbridge won a gold medal in Dental Assisting, while the Community Service Team of Lindsay Melanson (Milford), Nicole Onamian (Uxbridge) and Jacob Elliott (Uxbridge) captured the top prize for their Community Service Team project and presentation. The Valley Tech Entrepreneurship Team of Brooke Bibeault (Uxbridge), Robert Caouette (Blackstone), Amanda Small (Uxbridge) and Courtney Soter (Sutton) secured bronze medals. Other students who won gold medals at the state championships and earned national qualifying berths were: Scott LeBlanc (Grafton) in Automotive Refinishing Technology; Jason Lewis (Mendon), Diesel Equipment Technology; Anna O'Donnell (Douglas), Food and Beverage Service; Rebecca Tober (Millville), Office Computer Applications; and Maria Cassidy (Uxbridge), Related Technical Math.

The Valley Tech Team 61 Shifters, a group of dedicated and talented students, were nearly perfect in capturing first place at the U.S. FIRST Robotics Boston Regional. The team went on to compete in the Connecticut Regional and finished in the top-20 at the national championships in Atlanta.

The Valley Tech Class of 2010 registered impressive results on the state-mandated MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) tests. Results announced in the fall of 2008 from the first administration in the spring showed that 99.6 percent of the class passed the English Language Arts portion, 96.7 passed the Math and 96.2 passed the Science/Technology Engineering. In the important categories of scoring Advanced or Proficient, 78 percent were in that range for the Math test and 79 percent for the English. By Federal statute all students must be in Advanced or Proficient by 2014. The Class of 2009 was the sixth straight from Valley Tech to have 100 percent of its membership achieve competency determination on the MCAS.

Valley Tech also tied for seventh among Massachusetts high schools (excluding charter schools and academies) for the highest graduation rate (97.2). Valley Tech's dropout rate of 0.9 percent tied for 13th best.

NUMBERS SHOW SUCCESS: In an atmosphere of 21st Century rigor, the success of our student body is measured by 100% competency determination, high career placement rates and high college matriculation rates for our graduates. This in turn inspires confidence in our stakeholders that Valley Tech is succeeding in its mission to prepare the students of Blackstone Valley with a world class education.

The District's FY09 total operating budget was \$18,094,750. Chapter 70 Aid contributed \$6,462,753 and Minimum Contributions from the 13 member towns totaled \$7,306,124.

In the operation portion of the budget but outside DOE Net School Spending areas, the District budgeted \$273,452 for transportation costs, \$154,600 for acquisition of fixed assets and \$691,760 for retiree medical coverage. This was offset by \$783,849 in regional student transportation funds received from the Commonwealth. In addition to their state-required Minimum Contributions, the member towns unanimously supported the school's operating budget with shared assessments for operations, student transportation, asset acquisition, and retiree medical. This investment provided the fiscal

support to respond to the diverse learning needs of a student population that grew by five percent over FY08.

In response to weakening economic forecasts and lower than expected tax collections, the Commonwealth was forced to reduce the District's Chapter 70 allocation by \$759,526; however, those funds were completely restored with funding from the ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act). Given the ongoing fiscal constraints and the likelihood of a continued economic slump, the District continues to search out greater efficiencies in its staffing patterns, supply purchases, technology and other contractual service requirements. Bolstered by prudent budget management practices, the District utilized unreserved fund balance in the amount of \$250,000 to offset the towns' actual assessments. Additionally, the District secured funds to purchase vocational equipment and other fixed assets through private donations totaling \$8,300.

CLASS OF 2009: Students from Hopedale who graduated in June were: Nicole M. Aguiar, Information Technology; Amanda H. Brodeur, Cosmetology; Ryan W. Dunlavey, Culinary Arts; Tyler W. Dunn, Information Technology; Mykal M. Mason, Electrical; Frank C. Taylor, Manufacturing Technologies, and Kyle A. Velazquez, Painting and Design Technologies.

VALUABLE LEADERSHIP: The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee comprises 13 individuals, one from each member town, who seek to provide leadership and expertise in guiding the District's operations. The members are serving terms which run through 2010. Respectfully submitted by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee, Superintendent-Director, and District Treasurer,

Michael D. Peterson, Mendon, Chairman
Gerald M. Finn, Millville, Vice Chairman
Daniel L. Baker, Uxbridge, Secretary
Arthur E. Morin, Milford, Assistant Treasurer
Joseph M. Hall, Bellingham
William J. Pontes, Blackstone
John C. Lavin, III, Douglas

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Jeff T. Koopman, Northbridge
Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Sutton
Kenneth M. Pedersen, Jr., Upton

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director
Barbara Auger, District Treasurer

Please Note: This condensed report is provided at the request of municipal authorities. A more detailed report is available from the Office of the Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, 65 Pleasant St., Upton, MA 01568-1499. For other district information please go to: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us.



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The Board of Health Annual Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009

Once again the Board of Health found itself inundated with a variety of requests and duties and the continued building boom added to an already heavy load.

The 3-member elected board of Peter B. Mitchell, Edward Holland and Robert M. Moro grants variances, holds hearings on non-compliance orders, and promulgates Board of Health Regulations and Policies. The board holds meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The responsibilities of the Board of Health continue to be all-encompassing and ever expanding.

It is our responsibility to enforce all public health regulations related to the State and Federal Sanitary Health Codes, and enforce any local regulations promulgated by the Board of Health members.

The main issues we deal with on a day-to-day basis include septic design and installations, housing complaints, trash and nuisance complaints, food establishment, odor and noise complaints and beach water quality. We also investigate rabies issues, asbestos concerns, West Nile Virus concerns and issue burial permits. The board also conducts Health Clinics in conjunction with the Visiting Nurses. We issue licenses for all installers, well permits, camp permits and answer other issues remotely connected to public health, issue Tobacco Licenses, and conduct compliance checks on establishments that sell tobacco products.

While conducting home inspections I have noticed an alarming increase of "bed bug" complaints. Bed bugs are transported from infested area to non-infested areas when they cling onto someone's clothing or crawl into luggage, furniture, or bedding, which is then carried into homes. Bed bugs are small insects that feed on the blood of mammals and birds. Typically, the bite is painless and rarely awakens a sleeping person, however it can produce large, itchy welts on the skin. Although bed bugs may be a nuisance to people, they are not known to spread disease.

This year we have also noticed an increase of Lyme disease. Lyme disease is an infectious disease caused by bacteria that are spread by tiny infected ticks (specifically, deer ticks). Both people and animals can be infected with Lyme disease, which can be serious if it not treated, but not fatal.

This year was extremely busy with emergence of the H1N1 Flu (SWINE). The board has been preparing for a pandemic by planning to hold clinics to administer vaccines to priority populations. Pandemic FLU can occur when a new influenza virus develops. This is called a novel virus, for which most people will not have any immunity and, therefore, will not be able to fight off this new virus. As a result, this will enable the H1N1 or swine flu to spread easily from person to person.

Once again the Board of Health sponsored the annual Flu Clinic, which was conducted by the Visiting Nurses Association of the Greater Milford/Northbridge area. In spite of confusion and shortages of the

vaccine from the state, the Visiting Nurses did an outstanding job. The Board also sponsored a Flu Clinic for all public safety personnel of the Police and Fire departments.

Because of the successful eye and wellness clinic held last October, the Board of Health, in conjunction with the Hopedale Lions Club, conducted another successful event this year.

The board has seen a significant increase of septic inspections and plan reviews which lead to the installation of new systems. Many of these installations were due to bank foreclosures, which were attributed to the economic times.

Health Agent Leonard Izzo received the President's Award from the Massachusetts Environmental Association, a division of the National Association, at the 2009 June annual meeting.

The Board was faced with the enforcement of new regulations regarding Recreational Camps, which consist of soccer, baseball and all sports camps.

Due to the event of September 11, 2001, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has mandated that every town have a disaster plan in place. Health Agent Leonard A. Izzo has been attending various seminars to prepare for such an event, should it occur. In conjunction with the Massachusetts Region II Public Health, the Emergency Preparedness Coalition has completed the town of Hopedale's dispensing site plan. The Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) is to administer vaccines or dispense antibiotics in response to an infectious disease outbreak of any magnitude. These incidents can range from single case of Hepatitis A in a food handler, to cases of Meningitis in a school, to an influenza pandemic or bioterrorist event involving thousands of people, or even the entire population. The EDS location is the Hopedale Jr./Sr. High School, with the full cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Ruane. Due to the location and accessibility it was determined that this site was the best choice within the community.

Health Agent Leonard A. Izzo has secured numerous grants through the Region II Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition, of which he is a member of the Executive Committee. For example, one of the grants was for two defibrillators. One defibrillator was set up at the Hopedale Town Hall, and the second to the Senior Center at the Hopedale Community House. With the cooperation of the Fire department, training and certification was conducted for town hall personnel.

Last year the Board of Health saved you, the tax payer, over \$54,000 dollars by the reduction of trash tipping fees charged for rubbish sent to the incinerator in Millbury. The Hopedale Board of Health reminds all residents that recycling is mandatory. By recycling you not only save the environment, you also save your valuable tax dollars by keeping the cost of rubbish removable down.

As you can see, the Board of Health has to deal with a variety of complex issues. This office does its ultimate to answer questions in a timely fashion, return calls quickly, and respond to resident complaints in an appropriate timeframe.

Everyone believes that his/her situation is of the ultimate importance, but unfortunately with only one employee in this office we are forced to prioritize on a daily basis. I strive to do my best to answer all questions and resolve problems, and to enforce the regulations that we are empowered to administer.

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard A. Izzo, Health Agent



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Office of:

Building Commissioner
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Michael Tusino

FISCAL YEAR 2009 REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale, I hereby submit the report of the Building / Zoning Department for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

The Building /Zoning Department consists of: Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer, Michael Tusino (dept. head); Electrical Inspector, Joseph Scanzaroli; Plumbing and Gas Inspector, John Fontana, and Assistant Building Inspector Michael Giampietro.

The Building Department had a very busy year this year regardless of the faltering economy. Permit issuance was maintained from previous years. The difference being that smaller projects were permitted, resulting in less revenue.

The Estimated cost of construction throughout town was \$ 3,737,400.

The following is a breakdown of departmental activity:

Building Permits were issued as follows:

Single Family Dwellings	1	Residential Additions	10
Two Family Dwellings	0	Residential Renovations	36
Decks	36	Sheds	8
In Ground Pools	1	Above Ground Pools	2
Roofing	16	Wood Stoves	35
Garages	2	Signs	0
Certificate of Inspection	24	Tenant Fit-Up	4
Commercial Buildings	2	Commercial Addit. /Ren.	4

Building Inspections:	176	Building Permits:	181	Permit Fees:	\$29,785.00
Electrical Inspections:	184	Electrical Permits:	132	Permit Fees:	\$14,135.00
Plumbing Inspections:	124	Plumbing Permits:	61	Permit Fees:	\$4,422.00
Gas Inspections:	39	Gas Permit:	38	Permit Fees:	\$2,320.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Tusino

Building Commissioner/
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TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Janet Jacaruso, Clerk

June 30, 2009

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale:

As fiscal year 2009 ends, I am pleased to submit this report of activity pertaining to the Clerk's Office and the Board of Registrars. During the 2008 calendar year the following events were registered locally and with the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics: fifty-six (56) births, sixty-eight (68) deaths and nineteen (19) marriages.

Senior Tax Credit participants Dr. Florence Ames, Mrs. Claire Finigan, and Mrs. Vicki Ricard worked diligently throughout the year. Once again they completed their required hours and generously volunteered numerous additional hours that ensured the smooth running of this office. As the funding for this office provides for only part-time staffing, the importance of the work completed is invaluable. Voter registrations, dog licensing, and general filing were attended to. Special projects that were tackled included automated birth record indexing and Zoning Board of Appeals cataloging.

Three Special Town Meetings and the Annual Town Meeting were conducted during FY2009. The Annual Town Meeting was held in May and continued to June as budget figures from Boston were fluid due to declining State revenue. The Annual Town Election was held in May also. The State Primary was held in September. November brought the State (Presidential) Election that drew nearly 3,400 voters. Once again, Hopedale's poll workers performed their duties proficiently and earnestly, making election day an enjoyable experience for voters. Minutes and election results are published elsewhere in this report.

Robert "Zeke" Hammond died in August of 2008. Zeke, the unofficial mayor of Hopedale, was a life-long resident who donated hundreds of hours to town government. He served on the Board of Registrars, Council on Aging, Housing Authority, Historical Commission, and By-law Committee. He was always positioned at the ballot box during elections and at the check-in table at Town Meeting. I was honored to work with him in

many capacities and was fortunate to have learned of Hopedale's history from his first-hand perspective. He was a true New Englander with an unsurpassed love of this community. To say he is missed is an understatement; instead, I will say he is missed and "so forth and etcetera."

The past year has been challenging in many aspects. The intense work of department heads and the Finance Committee has kept Hopedale on a sensible path. The next few years are sure to remain financially difficult but we are all committed to serving the public efficiently while working within budget constraints.

As I begin my sixth year in this role, I am privileged to continue to provide services to the citizens of Hopedale. As always, I ask for your comments and suggestions in order to continue improving the operation of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Duff Vaccaro

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Annual Report

July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

During FY'09 the level of outreach activity conducted by the Council on Aging confirmed that these services have become the cornerstone of Council on Aging activity. We delivered an array of outreach services and referrals resulting in one thousand nine hundred twenty-two (1,922) contacts for two hundred sixty-nine (269) clients. While the COA has chosen to focus on the delivery of services we want town residents to keep in mind that the underlying issue of the absence of an appropriate free-standing handicapped accessible Senior Center remains. The lack of a handicapped accessible space is a persistent challenge. Aging people with mobility issues are unable to take advantage of many of our center's programs and activities.

Our core service programs are local and out-of-town medical transportation, the delivery of meals through "The Meals on Wheels Program", enrollment in the federal Fuel and Food Stamp Assistance programs, health and prescription drug insurance counseling, podiatry and flu clinics and crisis assistance for elders and their caregivers. During the past year we serviced an estimated four thousand five hundred (4,500) calls from seniors, their children and local aging agencies. The predominant topics on which seniors seek information are transportation, healthcare insurance, Medicare, prescription drug insurance coverage, housing, food stamps, real estate tax relief and caregiver support. We continue to support requests from adult children seeking information regarding services for their aging parents. The 2000 census places Hopedale's sixty (60) and older population at one thousand eighty (1,080).

This past April the COA and Tri-Valley Elder Services established a monthly congregate meal site at the Sacred Heart church in Hopedale. Our program consistently draws an average of (40) participants. The highly successful activity offers the opportunity to address issues of nutrition and socialization among older people.

The Council on Aging successfully collaborates with the Hopedale School Department and the town of Milford to provide errand and limited medical transportation services. We will enter our eighth (8) year of collaboration with the Milford COA and the Blackstone Valley Consortium of COAs to provide local and out of town medical transportation services to seniors. Transportation services remain the most critical of seniors' needs. In FY'2009 we provided one hundred seventy (170) trips (medical/local) for seniors with no means of transportation. The loss of a senior's ability to drive can have a devastating impact on the quality of their life. Hopedale seniors are disadvantaged by the absence of a regional or a convenient mass transportation system. The transportation problem is a huge challenge that requires serious attention.

Our monthly activities range from programs which provide medical and legal information to those which are purely cultural or social. Through our "Hugs from Hopedale" knitting club, we provide opportunities for senior volunteers to create knitted items for

needy children and adults in Long-term Care facilities. We continue our long-standing relationships and joint annual programming with the Hopedale Schools, Fire, Police and Board of Health Departments, Emergency Management, the Girl Scouts and Draper Place, a local Assisted Living Facility. The Annual Senior Citizen Breakfast at the High School, winter and spring concerts with the Elementary School and the Veterans' Breakfast are anticipated events.

The COA administers a program which offers seniors opportunities to reduce their real estate taxes through the Senior Tax Credit Program. FY'09 was the fifteenth (15) year of this highly successful program in which seniors age sixty (60) and over, who own property in Hopedale obtain a tax credit of \$750.00 in exchange for one hundred (100) hours of work in various town departments. In FY'2009, the program had twenty-two (22) participants. Hopedale benefits greatly from our senior employees. As in prior years, many who participate in the program go on to volunteer their services to the town long after the completion of their required hours.

The Council on Aging continues to function as the intake site for Hopedale residents seeking federal assistance for food and fuel. During this past year we served double the number of clients compared to prior years (twenty-five (25) for fuel and fifteen (15) for food). The people who seek our assistance are among the town's most indigent. Since we are the only human service department in town we often assist clients with their critical health insurance and housing needs. The numbers may seem statistically small however the lengthy and in depth federal applications usually require multiple client sessions.

A large thank you is extended to COA staff assistant, Tootsie Deletti and our unpaid staff of sixty (60) volunteers. And finally, to all of the Council on Aging board members thank you for all your time and support.

The Council on Aging Board Members are:

Co-Chair	Patricia Johnson
Co-Chair	Edward Holland
Secretary	Nancilee Fuller
Members	Claudette Hughes
	Virginia Potty
	Claire McCall
	Cheryl Moreci
	Diane Frazier

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Mullen
Director

Hopedale Cultural Council Annual Report 2008-2009

The Massachusetts Cultural Council allocated \$4300.00 for local aid to the arts, humanities and interpretative sciences. The local council received 27 applications and awarded the following:

Audio Journal, Our Towns - \$300
Bancroft Memorial Library, The life of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis - \$250
Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band - \$500
Claflin Hill Music Performance Foundation - \$350
Richard Clark, Love Letters a 2 person show, Storytelling \$400
Greater Milford Ballet, Annual production of the Nutcracker \$200
Hopedale Cultural Council - \$800
Milford Performing Arts Center - \$400
Guy Morin, British Soldier in the American Revolution \$250
John Procino, Celebrations in Story and Song \$400
John Root, Edible plants of the Northeast - \$250
Steps off Broadway Children's Theater - \$200

The Town of Hopedale allocated \$4000.00 to the Cultural Council, which enabled the Cultural Council to organize the Wednesday night summer band concerts. There were seven performances in the series, costing a total of \$4700. The concerts are paid thru the town appropriation, a grant, and money raised by the cultural council. Refreshment concessions were offered by local organizations.

The Annual Day in the Park festival was held on Saturday September 15, 2008 at the town park. Live music and entertainment, adult fine art show, craft booths and a one-mile road race for children, games and food concessions provided fun for all ages.

A scholarship of \$300 was awarded to a graduating Hopedale High School student class of 2009.

The Student Art was held December 5, 2008 in conjunction with the Holiday Festivities being held at the Hopedale Community House. Students from Hopedale and the surrounding area submitted their work to this juried event.

Theatre trip to see The Boston Pops was held in December 2008. The trip was coordinated by the Hopedale Cultural Council and funded through the cost of the tickets and bus fee paid by those purchasing tickets.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally A. Decelles, LCC Secretary
October 19, 2009
Wilma Manning, Chairperson
Ellen Murphy, Treasurer
Joanne Andreotti, Virginia Larkin, Ann-Marie Lockwood, Ann Labrode, Dorothy Suszanska

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

October 28, 2009

To the Citizens of Hopedale:

The proposed budget for Fiscal 2009 (July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009), as outlined on the following pages, indicates a spending increase of approximately 2% over the prior year. On the revenue side, local receipts along with state funded receipts have again decreased and new growth in real estate has declined.

Specific budget increases over the past year for our larger departments are as follows:

School Department:	3.00% (\$293,000)
Police Department:	4.50% (\$ 40,000)
Fire Department:	3.60% (\$ 18,000)
Highway Department:	3.40% (\$ 17,000)

The increases in the budget expenditures represent increased labor costs, energy costs, and building and equipment maintenance.

As is the state and the nation, the town is in a difficult fiscal position. We are faced with flat and or declining revenue that force the town into reducing costs, potential layoffs and/or a need for a Proposition override vote in the near future. In order to sustain the town's financial well being, it is necessary for all expenditures to be carefully considered. The town has already adopted a self-insured health benefit plan that is intended to stabilize the increases in health insurance costs. Other areas of savings such as collaborative purchasing, combining positions/departments, and regionalizing services are also being pursued. Grant opportunities are another area that we are encouraging town departments to take advantage of.

It is imperative that we look for and consider additional, new and creative sources of revenue. This includes exploring commercial property development. To the extent that revenue provided from the State does not meet the needs of the town, new local sources of revenue must be obtained. There are substantial capital needs that the town will face in the future including renovations at the Town Hall. These needs cannot be addressed without a revenue source.

The Finance Committee is unsure that the short term future can be financially stable for the taxpayers in Hopedale. We are diligently working to maintain budget levels that include a minimal reduction in taxpayer services however because we rely so heavily on state funding, much of our future lies in the state legislators hands. In the meantime, we work diligently to maintain stability in the budget.

HOPEDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Thomas M. Daige - Acting Fire Chief

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen;

The Hopedale Fire Department hereby submits its Annual Report for the period of July 1st, 2008 through June 30th, 2009.

Emergency Responses:

The Hopedale Fire Department responded to a total of 1136 incidents during this period. Of the 1136 incidents, 826 (72%) responses were for emergency medical service (EMS) and 312 (28%) responses were fire related.

The Fire Department reports a total fire loss of \$386,500.00 during this period. A large percentage of this loss was a result of dwelling fires on Malquinn Drive, Cross Street and 2 dwelling fires on Hartford Avenue.

The Fire Department sadly reports that there was one civilian fatality as a result of fire during this past year. An elderly gentleman received severe burns while attempting to extinguish a fire in his home. He died a few days later at the hospital as the result of his injuries.

There were no injuries to Firefighters during any of the incidents responses during this period.

Personnel:

There are currently 26 members that make up the Hopedale Fire Department. Of those 26 members, 6 are full-time Firefighters and 20 are Call Firefighters.

The Fire Department lost it's Chief in April when Scott Garland's contract was not renewed. Chief Garland had been the Chief for 10 years. Chief Garland will be known for turning around a department that was at its lowest of lows when he took over. He started the fire based ambulance service in town, he was instrumental with the much needed renovation of the fire station, he purchased new fire apparatus to replace outdated apparatus and he also wrote a large number of grants which have allowed the Fire Department to keep up with the changing times in equipment, training and technology. The equipment that has been obtained by the Hopedale Fire Department wouldn't have

been possible without his superb grant writing. The dismissal of Chief Garland caused the day time staffing of the Fire Department to decrease from 3 Firefighter/EMT's to just 2. It is expected that in July the Town will appoint Police Chief Eugene Costanza to the newly created position of Public Safety Director, acting as Fire Chief. The members of the Fire Department look forward to working with Chief Costanza to bring the Fire Department into the future.

The poor financial situation across the country had become a reality when the Town chose to consolidate its dispatching services with the Town of Mendon to help ease the financial burden felt in town.

Although the amount of total Call Firefighters has decreased since last year, the percentage of trained Call Firefighters from last year has increased dramatically. Last year there were only 9 Call Firefighters who were trained to the State certification standards, today we have 16 Call Firefighters trained to that level. Beginning in July, the Fire Department will implement a new hiring process for Call Firefighters. Applicants will be put through an interview process, a written exam and a physical agility test.

It is anticipated that full time Firefighter/EMT Richard Gleason will be appointed as the town's Emergency Manager in September. This position was left vacant with the dismissal of Chief Garland. Firefighter Gleason has been very pro-active in the town's emergency management prior to Garland's departure, and will be a great asset to the town in this role.

I would like to thank the members of the Hopedale Fire Department, both Career and Call, for their endless dedication to serving the Town of Hopedale. The hours that they have to put in, taking time away from their families, responding at all hours of the day and night is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the members for making my tenure as Acting Chief a rather effortless one. Working with such professional, dedicated and caring individuals makes any bosses job a lot easier. Thanks again guys.

Fire Prevention:

The Fire Department – Fire Prevention office logged 644 permits issued, investigations of complaints, violations issued, fire drills conducted, building inspections, fire alarms tested and fire safety classes taught. The Fire Department was awarded the S.A.F.E. – Student Awareness of Fire Education grant for \$3,800.00 through the state for the purpose of educating the public about the dangers of fire. With this grant, the Fire Department was able to purchase teaching supplies as well as pay to have the S.A.F.E. Officer's shifts covered while he went into the schools. Call Firefighter Nina Iacovelli and Full Time Firefighter Ryan Jenkins continue to educate the public on fire safety topics. These individuals visit the schools, both public and private, local businesses, and the elderly to teach them valuable lessons of fire safety.

Apparatus:

The Fire Apparatus that the Fire Department uses on a daily basis is in excellent condition. The members of the Fire Department would like to thank the residents for voting to replace these vehicles in a timely manner over the past 8 to 10 years. The Ambulance was scheduled to be replaced in 2006. The original plan of replacing the existing Ambulance with a new one, and keeping the existing ambulance as a back up seems to be diminishing as time goes on. The Town has lost an estimated \$18,000.00 in revenue in the past year with the ambulance being out of service for repairs, maintenance issues, or on a previous call.

Emergency Medical Services:

As stated previously, Emergency Medical calls account for 72% (826 incidents) of our emergency responses. Of those 826 calls for medical care, 58% (478 incidents) required Advanced Life Support treatment such as an I.V., medication administration, cardiac monitoring and advanced airway insertion. These procedures cannot be done by Hopedale Fire Department EMT's. The Fire Department has to call on other municipalities and private ambulance companies to come in to perform these procedures. This is something that the town should be pursuing rather aggressively for the increased safety and well being of the residents of Hopedale.

In closing I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Coordinator, Police Chief Eugene Costanza, and most importantly the residents of Hopedale for your continued support of the Hopedale Fire Department. It is because of you we do what we do and love doing it.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Daige
Acting Fire Chief
Hopedale Fire Department

**Hopedale Historical Commission
and
Red Shop Committee
2009 Annual Report**

The fiscal year 2008 – 2009 has been extremely busy for the Historical Commission and the Red Shop Committee as we wind up the restoration of the Little Red Shop. The building has now been stabilized and improved with the addition of an ell for the handicapped ramp and handicapped accessible bathroom. In addition, an energy efficient heating and air conditioning system will protect the contents from the exposure to moisture and excessive heat.

Even with the financial contributions and grants to complete the physical restoration, much of the project could not have been completed without the generous donations of in-kind materials from many individuals and companies. The exterior has new siding, a fresh coat of paint, and the cupola's weathervane has been restored. Antique wall lamps have been rewired and are on display. Sam Marshall's Eagle Scout project repaired the brick walkway to the side entrance.

The Friends of Historic Hopedale conducted many "work days (and nights)" and the "picture committee" took charge of reviewing the hundreds of photos of Hopedale. They developed an art gallery of photos of Hopedale veterans, "old" Hopedale and Hopedale residences. Curators Dan and Elaine Malloy accepted donations of Hopedale artifacts from residents which provided an opportunity to display items from the Draper plant and former Draper employees. Thanks to the Highway Department for saving the old cast iron street signs which are now on display on the beams.

The "Lady of the Loom" has been moved to a new location on the main floor to allow for meeting room space on the upper level. Two of the original loom collections have been returned to the building while the remaining looms are in storage. Display cases now house special collections of books and artifacts related to Hopedale. Additional display cases showcase items available for sale from the Friends of Historic Hopedale.

As the year wound down, the major decision needed was to set a date for the "Grand Re-opening" of the Little Red Shop Museum. Saturday, October 3, 2009 was the date agreed upon, with a reception for major donors given by Atria Draper Place on Friday evening, October 2nd. Putting the finishing touches on this project will take place over the summer. We are anxiously awaiting this great event and want to thank so many people who have assisted us in getting to this point.

Special thanks go to the town departments for their assistance, especially the Water and Sewer Department, Highway Department, Fire Department and Town Hall offices. There were many times when we needed extra hands for heavy lifting or special help, and when we made a call they responded immediately. Plaques in the Little Red Shop Museum will honor each individual and company who made major contributions to this special project.

This project's success is due to a lot of hard work and persistence by the members of the Historical Commission and Red Shop Committee, and especially the Friends of Historic Hopedale. Thanks to all who have contributed to our success and worked so hard to encourage the community to appreciate Hopedale's history. As we look forward, we must also look back to those who we have lost during this past year. Robert "Zeke" Hammond was on the Historical Commission for many years and always contributed when called on to share Hopedale's history with the children of Hopedale. "Zeke" will be missed. We are now looking forward to the Grand Re-opening and the opportunity to show off this unique museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Hopedale Historical Commission
Merrily C. Sparling, Chair
Fred Oldfield
Alan Ryan
Theresa Ryan
Dan Malloy
Elaine Malloy
Ray Andreotti

Red Shop Committee
Merrily C. Sparling, Chair
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William B. Gannett



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REPORT FOR THE HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 2009

The annual meeting of the Authority was held on June 8, 2009; the following were elected or appointed to office:

Nancilee Fuller	Chairman
Karen Villani	Vice Chairman
Louis Trevani	Treasurer
Janice Jacaruso	Asst. Treasurer
* State Appointee	vacant
Katherine E. Consigli	Executive Director and Secretary

The Elderly/Disabled Housing Projects 667-1 and 667-2, known as Griffin-Dennett Developments, consist of eighty apartments and is managed according to the rules and regulations set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Authority meets on the second Monday of each month and the annual meeting is usually held on the second, Monday in May. The Authority held ten regular meetings during the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

The Authority is presently replacing roofs on two of the Griffin apartment buildings and a new roof on the recreation hall building. Earlier in the year the Authority collaborated with National Grid and they provided an energy replacement program, replacing refrigerators, lighting, and insulation to the Griffin and Dennett apartments. The property and buildings are continual maintained and upgraded, throughout the year to insure a safe and healthy environment for all of its tenants.

There is a current waiting list and local residents are given preference according to State Regulations.

Respectfully Submitted
Katherine E. Consigli
Executive Director

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Annual Report FY2009

The Bancroft Memorial Library continues to provide a wide variety of materials and services to the town of Hopedale through the dedication and hard work of the Trustees, Friends of the Library and Library Staff. The Trustees would especially like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff for their cooperation during the summer months when a search for a new director was conducted. Many thanks to Elaine Kraimer, Wendy Sullivan, Sara Sartori, Robin York and Walter Manczurowsky Sr. for keeping the library operating smoothly and providing excellent service to our library patrons.

Ann Fields assumed the duties of Library Director on September 22, 2008. A native of North Carolina, she came to Hopedale after working as Library Director in Rogersville, Tennessee and as a Reference Librarian in Abington, Pennsylvania and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Library usage continues to grow. Our total circulation of items increased by 16.2% over FY2008. Circulation figures for FY2009 were as follows:

Adult and Young Adult items loaned:	22,381
Children's Room item loaned:	<u>12,782</u>
Total items loaned:	35,163

The library was open 36 hours a week (except for July and August) and averaged 490 patron visits per week. Our terrific volunteers donated in excess of 550 hours and our Senior Tax Program workers put in many hours keeping the books shelved and assisting with an assortment of library jobs.

Computer use has continued to increase with an average of 28 people per week using the three computer stations. More people are coming in to use our wireless connections to the internet, and the library has added 3 laptop computers which connect to the wireless system for patron use in the library and a wireless printer. We now have Library Catalog Computers on each level so patrons can find locations and call numbers for materials in the library.

Our continuing membership in the C/W MARS consortium allowed Hopedale residents to receive 4,317 items brought from other libraries in Central and Western Massachusetts to be picked up at the Bancroft Memorial Library. With the shared catalog, patrons can place holds on books, renew books and even pay fines that are over \$5.00. This resource sharing allows access to over 140 public and academic library collections.

In June, Mrs. Kraimer started her 16th year as Children's Librarian here at Hopedale and the Children's Room continues to be a busy area. Total attendance at 74 children's programs was 2,205 children and adults. The summer reading program included story times, special entertainers and craft days. Two story times a week are



presented in 6 week sessions throughout the school year. Mrs. Kraimer and Mrs. Verdolino, the Reading Specialist at Memorial Elementary School, continued their very successful "Check It Out" program to encourage visits to the library for grades K-3. The class with the most students visiting the library during the month of October attend their own library program with stories, crafts and food.

Some of the library's long term projects have been finished this year. In October, the leaded glass window restoration was finished and the final three windows installed. The windows are lovely and all are in original condition again. The painting of General Eben Draper which has been with an art restorer for 4 years has been returned and is in the Library's Reading Room.

In FY2008 the library was awarded a Planning and Design Grant by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The Trustees hired Aaron Cohen Associates, Ltd. of Croton-on-Hudson, NY to help write a Library Building Plan as the first part of the grant. Aaron and Alex Cohen spent time with the Trustees and members of the public looking critically at all areas of the library to assess the building and how different areas are used. The report will be finished in the next fiscal year with suggestions for short term improvement of building use and long term planning for the library's growth over the next 20 years.

The Friends of the Library brought many excellent programs to the library over the year. Authors Jeff Berlinger and Mike Tougas, and Mentalist Rory Raven amazed and entertained us in the fall. The Friends Holiday Bake Sale and Raffle in December and Mini-Book Sale in January were profitable events. Spring brought Mark Twain, portrayed by Richard Clark, movie historian Roger Kolb and lawyer turned author Diane Rappaport. The May Book and Bake Sale provided funding for Children's programs for the summer, and passes to many area museums. Our Friends of the Library are a special group and are really appreciated for the time they devote to the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Oldfield, III
Nancy Verdolino
Kathi Wright

1899 Hopedale Park Commission 2009

"Preserving the Legacy" Rick Espanet, Chair / Susan Kincaid / David Sparks *"Embracing the Future"*

Elected Stewards for: Hopedale Pond & Parklands, Town Park, Mellen Field, Adin Ballou Park, Adin Street Triangle
Member: Massachusetts Park & Recreation Association

Summer Recreation Director: Barry Gorman / Grounds Superintendent: John Hearn

Meetings: First Thursday of each Month, 7:00 PM, Town Hall, Draper Room

Broadcast live on Cable Channel 8

Online office: <http://www.hopedale-ma.gov>

110th Year, 98th Annual Town Report

November 2008 – November 2009

The Commission functioned with a significantly reduced annual budget of \$55K - augmented with select grant allocations and collected field use/maintenance fees. Our charter is to preserve and maintain Hopedale's precious and limited open space and recreational land - including protecting these spaces from commercial encroachment - for the greater good and enjoyment of the community at large.

GENERAL ANNUAL BUSINESS

- **Spring Election:** David Sparks elected as a write-in candidate replacing outgoing member Rich Breese. The Board wishes Rich well and thanks him for his service to the Town. Rick Espanet was named Chairman & Treasurer; Susan Kincaid, Secretary
- **Staff Turnover:** On 1/1/09, long-time groundskeeper Mark Sesona resigned to take a position in the private sector. Mark's dedication and presence as the day-to-day face of the Park Dept. will be missed. John Heams was hired to fill this position.
- **Tennis Assistant** volunteer positions (3) were converted to hourly staff positions. Wage scales for summer employees re-structured.
- **Harmony Lot 1A Deed:** The Board requested that the Selectmen reconsider a Town Meeting article altering verbiage in the deed to give the Selectmen oversight of the parcel. The article was dropped and it was confirmed that stewardship of the lot and Quonset hut on the property would remain under the stewardship of the Park Commission for recreational purposes - as written in the deed. The Board agreed to share use of the site's Quonset hut with the Highway Department for off-season vehicle storage, until such time that the lot can be developed for recreational purposes.
- **Sign Policy:** Following abutter complaints of random signs cluttering the Adin St. triangle lot, the Board implemented new policies and procedures for requesting permission to post signs on Town land overseen by the Park Dept. These are posted on our website. Moving forward, any sign not approved by the Board will be removed.
- **Trust Fund Discrepancy:** In August of 2008 the Board requested Town Hall assistance to help identify the unexplained loss of \$2800 from our Daisy Dutcher Trust Fund, and \$1,050 from our Draper Park Trust Fund. As of November 2009 we are still waiting for feedback regarding this - and hope to have additional dialogue and some answers and/or direction from our Town Treasurer before the end of the year.
- **Troop 1 Eagle Scout Projects:** The Board enthusiastically continues to support and assisted on projects for: Enc Brown (adding walkway and landscaping to Adin St Triangle cupola); James Keating (restoration of Parklands "lookout" area); Garrett Menna (Parkland trail identification and marking). Rich Breese did an outstanding job as Board liaison with troop.

TOWN POND / PARKLANDS (Approved venue for school cross country, Milford Community Use kayak program, Oktoberfest)

- **Forestry Project:** The Board crafted a Proposal request which was sent to Town Counsel for review in early November. We plan to advertise for bids in December and select a vendor to execute a long-term, green-certified, forestry management program through the Parklands by year's end. Project work should begin in early Q1-10.
- **Weed Control:** Full milfoil treatment on the Pond was completed in July (delayed due to heavy rains in June). Funds for the project were leveraged from the \$250,000 Pond Dredging Feasibility Study Grant secured by Sen. Moore and former Rep. Parente in 2007.
- **Canada Geese population control.** No volunteers stepped forward to perform egg addling in spring 2009. Should nuisance conditions return with the growth of the resident flock, limited, controlled, federal and state-supported hunting will be re-considered in 2010.
- **Poor winter skating conditions:** A snowy winter limited skating on the pond. The lights were only operational 3 days and a downed-wire cut off all lights on Lake St. In repairing this, a short was discovered in the line running under the pond. Repair costs will be prohibitive for the foreseeable future. Spring 2009 ice-out: Thursday, March 19th.
- **Kayaking lessons** were offered at the Pond in conjunction with the Milford Community Use Program – which is available to Hopedale residents. Instruction and open kayak use was made available to participants July – August.
- **Fisherman's Island Clean-up:** Coordinated by Commissioner Rich Breese, volunteers from Troop 1 removed trash, and trimmed trees and brush to make the island more inviting and accessible for recreational use.

PHILLIPS BROTHERS MEMORIAL FIELD (Approved venue for: school softball, boys/girls soccer, In-town Youth Softball, Milford/Hopedale Youth Soccer).

- **Monument Dedicated.** At a Veterans Day ceremony led by Judge Francis Larkin, a stone monument was placed at Phillips Brothers Field to celebrate the memory of Hopedale Veterans Harold, John, and Benjamin Phillips. A large gathering, including local dignitaries and many members of the Phillips family, attended the ceremony.
- **General Improvements.** Hopedale Youth Softball League expanded their storage shed, and painted both it and the snack shack royal blue to match Hopedale's school team colors.
- **New Tractor:** The Dept. purchased a Cub Cadet tractor which will help us keep up with infield maintenance.
- **Parking Issues** continue – particularly in the fall with overlapping school soccer and Milford/Hopedale Youth Soccer schedules. The Board asked MHYSA to schedule later practices to avoid traffic congestion with school activities. The gravel parking lot was lined to try and better-utilize the space. This proved to be very successful and will be done regularly moving forward.

TOWN PARK (Approved venue for: Park Dept. summer programs; School baseball, tennis, cross country, boys/girls soccer practice; In-town Youth Baseball -Babe Ruth/Sr. Ruth; Milford/Hopedale Youth Lacrosse; Cultural Events: Bandconcerts, Day in the Park, Bright Beginnings Vehicle Fair)

- **Summer Program.**
 - ✓ Our 10 week Park summer program - supervised by Barry Gorman - was a extremely well-received this year as we once again provided low-cost arts & crafts, free games and sports equipment, and supervised field trips for Town youngsters. Trips were made to the Douglas Waterslides, the movies, and the Edgewater Swim & Tennis Club. Full time staff included Jess Peacock, Chelsea Dias and Katie Bresciani and alternate, Riley Hampsch. Daily craft activity jumped 58% over the previous year, and staff-organized daily sports were popular.
 - ✓ The tennis program under Barry's tutelage continued to be a summer tradition for kids and parents alike. Attendance equalled last year's record number, and limiting participation to two sessions only helped open more schedule opportunities. Katherine Englund, Kevin Espanet and Lauren Main assisted.
 - ✓ Multi-day summer sports clinics were run and staffed by the School Dept.
- **Stone Wall Replacement Continues.** An additional 150' of wall along the Northrup/Hopedale Street side of the playground was replaced up to the Park St. entrance. This remaining section will be finished in early spring 2010.

- **Dugouts:** Due to continued vandalism, the Board voted to replace the existing enclosed dugouts with single benches covered by a more open, shed roof structure. Work is planned for 2010.

KUDOS& SPECIAL THANKS

The Park Commission is an elected Board, which continues to function on a daily basis without dedicated administrative assistance or a single full time staff member; therefore do our best to monitor and respond to voice and email questions in a timely manner. We continue to maintain a virtual office on the Town website to help serve you better. We are especially grateful to the Road Commissioners and Highway Department Superintendent Bob DePonte and his staff for their cooperation and maintenance assistance throughout the year. We also would like to thank the Water & Sewer Commissioners and Manager Tim Watson and his staff for their help and support as well. Thanks also to the Town Hall office staff and our public service departments for the support they provide to our department. Special thanks go out to Judge Francis Larkin for his tireless efforts to create the Phillips Brothers Field memorial and to Ackerman Monuments of Holliston, MA for their outstanding craftsmanship. Finally – as always – we'd especially like to thank the residents of Hopedale for your continued trust and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Espanet
Park Commission Chairman
30, November 2009



Planning Board
74 Hopedale Street
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Howard Maurer, Chairman
Catherine Pisacane
Carol Whyte
Amanda Eppley
Louis Costanza

Annual Report for FY 2009

Our regularly scheduled meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month in the Draper Room, Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Members for the year were:

The Board welcomed Amanda Eppley as a new member following the May election. Amanda has a professional background and education in planning and her expertise will be a great addition to the board.

The Board continues to hear applications for land division and site plans. The only subdivision of present is a five-lot subdivision known as Ari Estates which is located within the Harmony Estates area. The Board released all five lots for construction and is holding a bond for completion of the remaining work.

The Board heard several applications for Site Plan Review. "The Ledges" located at 55 Mendon Street presented a plan for a new driveway access to be located off Route 140, this also included a new parking configuration, landscaping, signage and lighting; this Site Plan was approved. A new Site Plan proposal for Lots 10 and 11 Charlesview Way was denied by the Board.

The Board sponsored a zoning article at Town Meeting prohibiting Medical Waste Treatment Facilities. This article was approved at the Annual Town Meeting.

Members continue to work on various committees, members are on the town Master Plan Committee and Draper Reuse Committees. We also have a representative on the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Maurer, Chairman
Catherine Pisacane, Vice Chairman
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Chief Of Police
Eugene P. Costanza

FISCAL 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of Hopedale, I hereby submit the Hopedale Police Department Annual Town Report.

Stats for this reporting year have varied. Overall calls for service have increased yet other categories decreased. Our present manpower has done it's best to handle the influx of calls.

The "911" system must be manned twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Civilian Public Safety Dispatchers are hired to perform this and numerous other tasks. It is a constant challenge to maintain part time dispatchers to fill open shifts. Therefore the overtime funding for dispatch is a constant concern.

As a result of severe cuts in state aid our budget was cut ten percent. This would result in the layoff of at least two police officers. It was at this time I approached the Town of Mendon and began discussions of sharing dispatch services. After six months of meetings an agreement was reached between the towns of Hopedale, Mendon and Millville. Starting July 1, 2009 Mendon will perform dispatching services for all three towns thus saving each town approximately \$125,000.00. As a result of this we did not have to lay off any police officers.

During the course of the year, we held several events such as, the 16th Annual Hopedale Police and Fireman's Ball, a Children I.D. Program, a bicycle safety day, bicycle helmet program, trip to the Pawtucket Red Sox for resident families, Halloween parade and party for the children, along with the Police Union sponsoring a little league team.

The police department continued its philosophy of Community Policing and maintained the Officer on Bicycle/E.E.V. Patrol unit. As a result of the Community Policing Grant offered by the state, we are able to have a Harley Davidson Police Motorcycle available for patrol. The residents have seen the officers on their bikes, motorcycle and Golf Cart at various public events such as, band concerts, road races, parades, and at times on routine patrol in

the area of the park, park lands, center of town and neighborhoods. This type of policing has given us a better way to interact with the residents and children in town. Once again I received a lot of positive feed back from the residents regarding this program, especially in the area of the town park.

The police department applied for and received two grants during the year. Both were from the Executive Office of Public Safety. The first was for \$8,600.00 to continue our community-policing program. We also received \$4,800.00 from the state and federal government to purchase new bulletproof vests for officers.

Our police memorial project is still ongoing. We are waiting for a specially ordered gas eternal candle. We hope to have our dedication date set for the spring of 2010.

Officer Gagnon continued to be our School Resource Officer. He will continue to work hand and hand with school personnel on a daily basis. To date the program has continued to be a huge success.

We worked the entire year with just eleven of the twelve officers on staff. Officer Steve Stodulski was out with an on the job injury all year. It was a challenge to stay within the allocated overtime budget for the department but by maneuvering personnel and not filling some overtime shifts we were able to not over spend. Officer Stodulski's return to work date is expected to be in December of 2009.

I want to thank the residents, Town Boards and Departments for their support and assistance. I look forward to working in unison with all parties during my tenure as Chief of Police. I especially want to extend my thanks to the members of the Hopedale Police Department. These men and women are a dedicated, sincere, and a loyal group of individuals whom have shown their support for me and always give 110%.

My intent was, and will always be, to maintain the demeanor of the Hopedale Police Department personnel in order to continue being a people's police department. As Chief of Police, I feel we have achieved this goal, along with maintaining our professional image, and always remembering we are here to protect, to serve, and to interact with the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eugene P. Costanza Jr.
Chief of Police



HOPEDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

FISCAL 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

TRAFFIC ACTIVITY

	2008	2009	INCREASE / DECREASE
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Accidents Responded Too	100	63	-37.00%
Total Number Of Parking Tickets Issued	163	131	-19.63%
Total Number Of Vehicles Towed	156	131	-16.03%
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Lockouts	57	59	3.51%
Total Number Of Disabled Auto/Public Assist	6	78	1200.00%
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Thefts	6	2	-66.67%
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Stops	1572	1490	-5.85%
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	1665	1516	-8.95%
Total Number Of Written/Verbal Warnings Issued	1176	1122	-4.59%
Total Number Of Hours Spent On Selective Enforcement	226	249	10.18%
Total Number Of Hours Spent For School Resource Officer	127	75	-40.94%
Total Number Of Hours Spent On Preventative Patrolling	6516	7471	14.66%
Total Number Of Hours Spent At Court	145	180	24.14%
Total Number Of Hours Spent On Community Policing	156	123	-21.15%
Total Number Of Hours Assisting Other Agencies	102	146	43.14%

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Total Number Of Alarm Calls	253	228	-9.88%
Total Number Of Annoying Phone Calls	15	18	20.00%
Total Number Of Breaking & Entering	16	21	31.25%
Total Number Of Summons Served / Delivered	94	105	11.70%
Total Number Of Criminal Damage	4	25	525.00%
Total Number Of Missing Persons / Runaway / Juvenile	16	18	12.50%
Total Number Of Property Checks Made	795	1020	28.30%
Total Number Of 911 Calls	1017	1034	1.67%
Total Number Of Disturbance / Fight Calls	87	110	26.44%
Total Number Of Animal Complaint Calls	187	180	-3.74%
Total Number Of Arrests	227	308	35.68%
Total Number Of Officer Investigative Cases	2547	2713	6.52%
Total Number Of Field Interviews	381	488	28.08%
Total Number Of Calls For Service	13446	13593	1.09%



Board of Road Commissioners

7 Depot Street
Hopedale, MA 01747

Annual Report FY2009

The Board of Road Commissioners meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Highway Department Office, located at 7 Depot Street. The officers for the year were: John Farrar, Chairman, Joseph Sweet (resigned)/George Lovewell (May 2009), Inspector, and Eli Potty, Clerk.

Our department paved 3 roadways for a total of 2,960 linear feet. Road resurfacing was 1½" overlay of asphalt to the following streets: Dana Park being 28' wide for a length of 1280', McVitty Road being 28' wide for a length of 280', and Neckhill Road being 20' wide for a length of 1400'. These projects were funded by monies from the Public Works account.

The annual town meeting authorized the acquisition of a 2009 International 7400 dump truck, which has since been delivered to us. We have been able to do a considerable amount of in-house repair work primarily to the 2002 International 7400 dump truck, which needed to be sandblasted and painted as well as considerable mechanical work. It needs to be noted that our capability of in-house repair and service to our equipment has resulted in saving the Town considerably on the cost of labor rather than out-source our needs.

The past winter was packed with snow and ice storms, yet we maintained a successful season keeping the roadways clear with no major break downs or repairs to our vehicles and equipment. Our leaf pick-up program in the fall had 2 vehicles in operation for the duration, and we also maintained a good schedule of catch basin cleaning throughout Town. Roadway lines and crosswalks were repainted as needed. In addition to road repair and service, we also continue to maintain the grass cutting and trim work in the Town Parks and tree belts, as well as at the Town Hall, Police Station and Library. Various roadways had additional brush cutting along their sides as well as weed control.

Respectfully submitted,

John Farrar, Chairman
Joseph Sweet/George Lovewell
Eli Potty



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One Hundred Twenty-Third Commencement of Hopedale High School
May 30, 2009

Katherine Elizabeth Auger*
Jennifer Elizabeth Barys
Christopher Jacob Betschart
Danica Marie Boccasile
Zachary Douglas Booth
Thomas Joseph Breese
Matthew Paul Bufalo
Christopher George Bushnell
David James Butler
Christine Elizabeth Carbary
Amy Elizabeth Castellano
Jessica Marie Cockroft
Justin Guido Coffey
Emily Rachel DeBoer*
Michael DJ Demas
Kaitlin Ann Downing
Chantel Rhianna Doyle
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Matthew Landry Elsemiller
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Kaitlin Nicole Garafano*
Amanda Rose Gentile
Amy Theresa Gentile
Meghan Etoy Gois

Meghan Kathryn Kennelly
Corey Thomas Klein
Stacia Alba Lathrop
Jordan Charles Haze Lee
Nicole Alexandra Long
Emily Hopkins Lyall
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Joseph Matthew Mantoni*
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Samuel David Marshall
Victoria Susan McCall
Meghan Bethany McCallum
Nicole Marie Messier
Emily Lynn Mosher
Nicholas Evan Mosher
Charles Bernard Mullen
Stephen James Petto
Jennie Pimentel
Kelsey Ann Polikowski
Michael John Pool
Anna Denise Ragnones
Michael Joseph Renda
Cameron Luke Ruscitti*
Kelsey Ann Rutkowski
Michael Christopher Sandberg
Maria Elizabeth Savoie
Felicia Anna Scafuto

Ashley Rose Golchin
Jillian Michelle Gould
Justin Timothy Howard
Cory Edward Iacofano
Cory Joseph Jacques
Sharmila Jai Kumar*
Adam Roy Johnson
Rebecca Lin Katz
Kevin William Keating*

Caroline Alex Scherer
Jordy Schuller
Julianne Marie Tarella
James Jeffrey Tsacoyiamis
Lauren Arlene Tweed
Matthew Henry Tyks
Kyle Matthew Ward
Alexander Blake Wersted*
Michael Stasiu Whiteman
Meredith Williams

** National Honor Society Member*

The Hopedale School Committee hereby approves this and the attached Report of the Superintendent of Schools as the Annual Report of the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Martin, Chair
Hopedale School Committee



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

In addition to maintaining safe schools and learning environments, the School Department made strategic decisions to advance our mission and respond to unique fiscal challenges during the 2008-2009 school year. Here are the highlights:

COST SAVINGS MEASURES

Prior cost-savings measures, including regional partnerships, job shares, multi-district energy efficiencies, and participation in joint bids continued. During 2008-2009, we implemented the following new strategies to insure future savings:

- Roof Repair at Memorial School.

This project went through an 8-month review process before it was approved by the MA School Building Authority (SBA). The recession resulted in a very favorable bid (\$457,000) compared with estimates prepared in 2007. Actual work proceeded well in late summer. The final cost was about \$420,000. The SBA will reimburse the Town at the rate of 53.53% for all costs, including prior bills for design/engineering specifications.

- Using New and Existing Fees to Cover or Offset Program Costs.

By changing its transportation policy to meet state requirements, the School Committee prepared parents for the introduction of a bus fee, effective September 2009. As a first time fee, the Committee determined to use it as an Operating Budget offset, rather than ask parents to cover full cost immediately. For 2009-2010 parents will pay \$180 per child, or a \$360 family cap. We expect that this fee will cover 25% of total transportation costs.

By building overhead into existing tuition and fee accounts, we were able to reduce our Operating Budget expense in the areas of teaching salaries, maintenance and utilities, and health benefits. Total savings to the Town, approximately \$ 57,000, was not a reduction, but a shift in expense to users.

- Selling Rides to Neighboring School Districts.

Hopedale was instrumental in setting up a collaborative transportation program for member districts within the Blackstone Valley Superintendents' Collaborative during 2008-2009. Because Hopedale owns its vans, we were in a position to offer rides to neighboring districts, thus saving them money and providing us with further offsets to our transportation costs. Implementation of collaborative transportation will net savings in our Operating Budget for FY10 and beyond.

- Creating Consequences for Non-payment.

A new School Committee policy enabled our School Accountant to collect on unpaid tuition or lunch payments and recover approximately \$ 7,700.

- Utilities Contracts.

We have committed to collaboratively purchase utilities with the town and other communities to maximize savings in the areas of electricity, gas and oil. In the 2008-09 school year, we realized an increase of only 3% over the previous year.

INSTRUCTIONAL INITIATIVES

A. **Bright Beginnings Center** - There are three types of initiatives to highlight:

- **New Class** – Our preschool launched a highly specialized and very successful class for 3-5 year old children who display extensive learning needs. The creation of this class signals a commitment to develop a seamless program that will continue as the children transition to Memorial School. This strategy is designed to provide a positive Hopedale alternative to expensive private school placements for these students.
- The entire BBC staff continued rigorous work toward NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accreditation. This work involves self-assessment and adherence to strict standards of instructional excellence. Staff worked with a consultant, who observed and critiqued staff practices.
- Staff developed a baby basset hound mascot, “PAL,” as a link to the Memorial School’s basset (RRICK). PAL reminds preschoolers to be **Playful, Active, Learners**.

B. **Memorial School** - Three initiatives should be highlighted from the 2008-09 school year:

- Response to Intervention (RTI) – The “No Child Left Behind” federal legislation requires schools to use small group instruction to re-teach important concepts, as children demonstrate lack of understanding or mastery. Staff examined the impact of this expectation to provide 10-12 weeks of targeted tutoring, and began to implement this new mandate.
- Expanded Use and Integration of Technology Tools – With the third and final influx of new technology equipment (replacing ten year old equipment), many elementary teachers explored new tools and software in all aspects of instruction. New applications were highly motivating to students, who podcast their science experiments, sent advice to public officials, blogged comments about literature, and self-paced their learning of math and reading through sophisticated assessment software. This latter tool promises to help staff with the RTI initiative described above.
- Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS) – Thanks to a two-year state grant, Hopedale is one of several communities in Worcester County with teams trained to implement PBIS. PBIS was implemented school-wide during 2008-09. “RRICK” was

refreshed to reflect positive values of Respect, Responsibility, Intelligence, Courage, and Kindness. The PBIS team created systems for teaching children how these words translate to behaviors, and for rewarding these behaviors. This initiative is designed to minimize teacher and administrative time devoted to discipline, and maximize each child’s learning time.

C. **Jr.-Sr. High School** - Four initiatives should be highlighted from the 2008-09 school year:

- Technology Infusion – English classes investigated a software product called “Open Classroom” as a way to conduct round the clock electronic dialogue about literature. The introduction of interactive “smart boards” in several math classrooms stimulated animated dialogue and boosted participation. School-wide implementation of PowerSchool software streamlined all administrative processes and enabled parents to check student progress via a parent portal.
- Grade 8 Peak Intellectual Experience (PIE) – The entire math department refined a math/physics project that asks students to explore the mathematical relationship between mass, area, density, etc. Then, in pairs, the students use this understanding to design a “boat” that can perform a set of tasks. Engineers from Raytheon refereed the trials and scored the pairs on their vehicle’s performance.
- New MCAS Testing – During 2008-2009, the state added a new Grade 10 Science test which, along with Math and English/Language Arts, will be a graduation requirement for the Class of 2011 and beyond. Since MCAS testing is one benchmark for the success of Hopedale teaching and student learning, here are the results for the Class of 2011:

English/Language Arts:

100% of our students passed; 92 % earned Advanced or Proficient Status

Math

99% of our students passed; 85 % earned Advanced or Proficient Status

Science (3 choices)

99% of our students passed Biology; 73% earned Advanced or Proficient Status

100% of our students passed Chemistry.

100% of our students passed Technology/Engineering.

The very few students who have not passed are enrolled in special programs for additional and targeted support.

- PBIS – A trained Jr.-Sr. High team also implemented this initiative school-wide to minimize disciplinary interruptions, maximize learning time, and strengthen adult:student connections. Using a new Advisor/Advisee system, adults taught and reinforced the meaning of five values: Respect, Responsibility, Safety, Achievement, and Perseverance, and created a positive reward structure.

D. District Initiatives

- New School Website Got a Facelift

A redesigned website encourages user-friendly access to a wealth of information about our school district, specific schools, school and athletic calendars, as well as individual teacher web pages. Find us at www.hopedale.k12.ma.us.

- One Call Now System Implemented

We now have the capacity to notify parents district-wide, or by school, in the event of a school closing on any extraordinary circumstance. This system is designed for limited use - for absence checks, special announcements, or for emergencies.

- Budget Reconstruction in Light of Recession

Much of our effort during 2008-09 focused on developing reduction scenarios that would maintain essential programs and services given the reality of serious limitations. A number of people and several programs were lost as our FY10 Operating Budget decreased by \$700,000 from FY09. The School Committee charged a Regionalization Task Force to research pros-cons of our school district merging with that of another Town(s). This investigation will take place during the 2009-2010 school year.

Having completed my fifth year as Superintendent of Schools, I want to thank the School Committee, Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Coordinator, Department Heads, and the Hopedale community for their help and support of our public schools during these difficult times. As a Hopedale citizen and taxpayer, I can attest that the Hopedale Public Schools deliver tremendous value for the Town's tax contribution. It has been my privilege to work with a fine group of colleagues, and with them, to serve Hopedale students and their families.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia C. Ruane

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Superintendent of Schools



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Eugene N. Phillips

Fiscal 2009 brought more financial woes to Hopedale. With the nation's and the Commonwealth's recovery from the financial crisis slow or non-existent, the town faced the dilemma of providing services while keeping budgets relatively static and avoiding a Proposition 2½ override. Town Coordinator Gene Phillips, under direction from the Board, worked closely with the Finance Committee and town departments on creating a budget under which there would be little harm to services.

The Board also actively pursued regionalization and consolidation efforts where possible.

In major achievements – some of which were heavily scrutinized by some residents – the Board made the following significant changes:

- Worked on finalizing the regionalized dispatch efforts with Mendon in a move that will save the town approximately \$100,000 each year.
- Created a public safety director position for overseeing both the Hopedale Police and Hopedale Fire Departments, with the goal of sound fiscal management that will help rein in overtime costs and other departmental expenses for both departments.

In December, the Board – hoping once again to keep already high residential taxes from going higher -- approved a split tax rate (\$12.69 per thousand for residential and \$20.24 per thousand for commercial and industrial properties).

The Board also secured additional monies relating to a cell tower on the town-owned water tank near Steel Road and Williams Street. In fiscal 2008, we had closed a deal with UNISON and received \$550,000 for the buyout of the town's existing leases for the cell tower. During the course of 2009, UNISON was able to sell another location on the tower to Metro PCS, netting an additional \$227,500 for the town.

One of the first victims of a poor economy often is building maintenance but the Town has tried to do its best in keeping buildings functional and safe. The School Department sought funding for replacement of part of the roof at the Memorial School to stave off any further water infiltration damage to the building. Studies were done, bids submitted and work was scheduled to repair the roof before the start of school in September, 2009.

By May, it was clear that once again the town would be facing hard choices at the annual Town Meeting. For the third time since Proposition 2½ was enacted by the Commonwealth, the town reached its levy limit. Rules at the annual town meeting were suggested and then voted upon; putting in place a requirement that any motion to increase a budget over the Finance Committee's recommendation must also include a stipulation from which budget the funds would be taken. No override was needed and the town passed a budget of \$21,508,931.

Despite tough financial times, Hopedale once again kept its Moody's bond rating high, at the A2 designation. A high rating with Moody's allows for lower borrowing costs for the town. Moody's cited the town's conservative management of its finances and the level of stabilization funding the town had set aside as reasons for its rating recommendation.

Safety and conservation always play a significant role in town government. This year was no exception. The town received preliminary results from the Hopedale Pond Study on the possible draining and dredging early in calendar year 2009. Next steps anticipated include continuing efforts to trace the source of contaminated storm water reaching Hopedale Pond from the Northrop Street outfall. Additionally further work to resolve the issue of sand being deposited in Hopedale Pond from the Northrop Street outfall is being reviewed along with implementing measures to assure cleaner water entering the pond from all sources. The study confirms the high cost of dredging but recommends only the lower basin be dredged. The town is currently investigating grants which may cover these costs.

In another safety-related matter, the town successfully concluded contract negotiations with the town's firefighters, signing the contract into effect in September 2008. Later in the year, with the change of adding a Director of Public Safety, the Board and Union agreed to amendments to reflect the Director of Public Safety and Deputy Chief positions.

Also relevant for safety, the state-mandated and state-funded Mill Street Bridge project was once again a thorn in the side for many residents. The project was particularly painful for residents who regularly travel on Mill Street. During the year, work progressed and for the most part the bridge was open for travel. By the close of the fiscal year work was well along toward completion. The town worked through its town counsel, Kopelman & Page, who recorded the Hopedale Order of Taking through the Worcester Registry of Deeds for a certain needed parcel of land abutting the new bridge, dam and spillway that had been owned and donated by MC Machine located adjacent to the Mill St. Bridge. This land was needed to help maintain the dam and spillway.

The town saw some significant personnel changes during FY'09 as well:

- After more than 10 years leading the Hopedale Fire Department, Chief Scott Garland's position was eliminated in favor of a Public Safety Director model which the Board believes will save the town money through single-point fiscal oversight of budgets and overtime spending. The Board thanked Chief Garland for his many years of dedicated service to the town and its citizens. Police Chief Eugene Costanza was named Public Safety Director. Firefighter Thomas Daige took over the reins as Acting Deputy Fire Chief.
- The town worked with Police & Fire dispatchers who were being displaced by regionalization efforts to ensure as many as possible were employed by Mendon's dispatch center. Long-time dispatcher Lisa Collins became an assistant to the Director of Public Safety.
- Hopedale Highway Department Supervisor Robert DePonte took on additional duties by being appointed the town's trench inspector.
- Nearing the end of the fiscal year, Selectman Michael Collins was re-elected to his fourth three-year seat on the Board. Selectman Alan Ryan took over the Board's chairmanship from Mr. Collins following the May election.

Other notable happenings for fiscal year 2009 included the following:

- Work continued by Jon Delli Priscoli on repairs and improvements to the Grafton & Upton Railroad line through Hopedale. As part of his work, Mr. Delli Priscoli's team razed buildings including the old train station on Depot Street and the old engine house adjacent to the tracks, both of which were in disrepair.
- In other rail-related business, Hopedale's State Senator Richard Moore helped facilitate a December 2008 State House meeting between Hopedale officials and Massachusetts commuter rail officials regarding the possibility of extending the Franklin line to Hopedale. Doing so would provide the commute rail with an overnight yard location for storing trains rather than returning them to Boston each night, and could be a significant financial boon to Hopedale and its residents. This is a long-range possibility that will be looked into in greater detail over the coming months and years.

- Board member Alan Ryan, along with Town Coordinator Gene Phillips, met with Rep. Richard Neal at a Greater Milford Area Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Luncheon in April, 2009, at the Myriad Ballroom in Mendon.
- The Board continued looking at ways to decrease health insurance costs across all town departments as increasing premiums and the town's share of costs continue to put much pressure on the budget. Negotiations with union insurance advisory board representatives, collectively known as the Public Employees Committee, for consideration of moving to the Commonwealth's GIC insurance ultimately failed but both sides agreed to begin meeting again in the spring to continue efforts that will help save money on insurance.
- In December, the Board approved a variety of annual licenses for food, alcoholic beverages, and auto sales/repairs.
- The town's participation in a consortium of communities for its fuel purchases proved expensive after we were locked into higher prices for the season while prices fell. We were unable to fight the high prices by contesting the contract with fuel supplier Dennis K. Burke because it would have been costly and risky. We have, however, negotiated a better deal for the coming heating season that is expected to save the town between \$1.50 and \$1.90 per gallon of fuel oil and gasoline over the prior year.
- The Board continues to participate in negotiations for a new Verizon cable license that will allow the vendor to bring FIOS internet service to town. While we have been willing participants, there have been delays on the Verizon end.
- In May, 2009, State Representative John Fernandes met with the Board to discuss state funding of towns within his district. He promised to continue his hard work in keeping our town visible within the State House.

As always, the Board welcomes input from the public. We meet on the first and third Monday of each month in the Draper Room at the Hopedale Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan J. Ryan

For the Board of Selectmen
Michael E. Collins
Alan J. Ryan
Robert Burns

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF TOWN COUNSEL
Fiscal 2009**

The past fiscal year was an active year in which Town Counsel rendered numerous legal opinions, approved contracts and guided transactions, met with the Board of Selectmen and various other boards, and handled a number of lawsuits on the Town's behalf.

Town Counsel continues to represent the Town in various ongoing litigation matters in state superior court, land court, state district court and before various administrative boards. There are presently eight pending litigation matters involving the Town, ranging from land use disputes to various labor grievances and including one personal injury claim.

Over the past fiscal year, we were able to resolve two labor grievances, one by an arbitrator's decision in favor of the Town and a second after mediation by a union determination not to pursue arbitration.

This year we have advised the Town on various leases, land dispositions and contracts. We assisted the Town with lease purchase agreements for a loader and sidewalk vehicle and plow, reviewed bid documents, bids and bonds for a contract to clean Town buildings, reviewed bid documents for window replacement and hose drying tower at the police station, advised regarding a contract for Draper Complex re-use and urban planning consulting services and prepared a request for proposals for deputy tax collector services. We assisted the Town with respect to acquisition of a parcel of real estate on Mill Street and advised as to transfer of custody of tax title properties. We have analyzed and advised the Town as to its obligations under its fixed fuel contract. We have also been representing the Town in ongoing negotiations of a cable television renewal license.

As always, we have provided a number of opinion letters to the Town, including opinions regarding acceptance of deeds in lieu of foreclosure, various public records requests, procedures under Proposition 2 ½ and attempts by outside organizations to garnish employee wages. We have also provided guidance on various labor matters and have drafted Town Meeting warrant articles requested by the Board of Selectmen.

Town Counsel has continued to take a pro-active approach to keeping control of costs by sending out numerous memoranda on various areas of municipal law at no charge to the community. For example, we have outlined and explained new legislation and regulations for the use of road flaggers and police details on public works projects, amendments to laws governing intermunicipal agreements, recent changes to the Family Medical Leave Act applicable to military service, the new identity theft law, and new legislation authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages on golf courses. We have provided guidance as to fixed price fuel contracts, procedures for municipalities as creditors in bankruptcy proceedings, emergency fuel assistance, and the availability of the attorney-client privilege to government officials. We have advised as to the processing and disposition of claims and lawsuits, the funding of snow and ice budgets and have outlined recent developments in land use laws.

As always, we strive to provide timely and concise responses to requests for advisory opinions and have assisted in the review of articles for the Warrants for Town Meetings as well as attending Town Meetings and various board meetings.

We wish to express our thanks to all the people who have dedicated their time to the town government in Hopedale, especially the Board of Selectmen, Town Coordinator, and department heads. Without their assistance and cooperation, our collective objectives could not be attained.

Respectfully submitted,
Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER/TOWN COLLECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale:

This is my 5th Annual Report as your Treasurer/Collector and I am very pleased with the continued progress we continue to make to improve our services and overall effectiveness. This office consists of six business units headed by the Treasurer/Town Collector. These include the collector's division, treasury, payroll, benefits administration, parking ticket administration and general office support.

Our responsibilities include initiating temporary and permanent borrowing, investing, managing and disbursing town funds, receiving all revenues of the town, processing the school and town payrolls, and performing other statutory functions required by the state and federal laws. This department is responsible for the billing and collection of all real estate, motor vehicle excise, personal property taxes, sewer and water assessments and billings and all other monies committed to the department for collection. Additionally, the general offices falling under the responsibility of the Treasurer/Town Collector assists other town departments by distributing recycle bins to the taxpayers for the Board of Health, processing all building permits, electrical permits, gas permits and plumbing permits; and distributing and collecting fees for printed materials such as the residents lists, zoning bylaws, town bylaws and other materials.

I would like to thank the taxpayers of Hopedale for their continued diligence in paying their taxes and assessments in a timely fashion, to the Board of Selectmen and I am very privileged to have the assistance of an extremely competent staff. Thank you Donna, Patricia and Sandra; I sincerely appreciate all of your hard work as well as your continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Walls
Treasurer/Town Collector



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STATEMENT OF INDEBTNESS Fiscal Year 2009

Long Term Debt	Outstanding 1-Jul-08	New Debt Issued	Retirements	Outstanding 30-Jun-09	Interest Paid in FY09
School Building	\$12,240,000		\$1,285,000	\$10,955,000	\$490,394
Sewer	\$1,005,000	\$1,700,000	\$102,000	\$2,603,000	\$38,123
Storm Water	\$345,272	\$0	\$16,096	\$329,176	\$7,250
Water	\$1,593,766	\$0	\$118,109	\$1,475,657	\$38,445
Fire Station	\$1,789,000	\$580,000	\$134,000	\$2,235,000	\$70,053
SUB-TOTAL	\$16,973,038	\$2,280,000	\$1,655,205	\$17,597,833	\$644,265
Total Long Term Debt	\$16,973,037	\$2,280,000	\$1,655,206	\$17,597,831	\$644,264

Short Term Debt	Outstanding 1-Jul-08	New Debt Issued	Retirements	Outstanding 30-Jun-09	Interest Paid in FY09
BAN's (Bond Anticipation Note)					
Building - Fire Station			\$0	\$0	
Sewer		\$0		\$0	\$0
Water	\$130,000	\$360,000	\$130,000	\$360,000	\$0
Other - Fire Truck	\$580,000	\$0	\$580,000	\$0	\$0
Total Short Term Debt	\$710,000	\$360,000	\$710,000	\$360,000	\$0

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Your local Veterans' Service Officer is committed to assist our needy veterans and dependents, with the same concern and compassion that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office and the Massachusetts House and Senate had when aid and assistance programs for our veterans were first established in the Commonwealth in 1861.

Many reforms and changes have been made to improve the delivery of services. Today, with the continued support of the Commonwealth and its legislators, your Veterans' Service Officer is meeting the needs of our former service personnel. Your Veterans' Service Officer administers many varied entitlement programs and for this reason, your local Department of Veterans' Services is considered a one-stop center.

In addition to the duties to aid, assist and advise, as stated in Chapter 115, Massachusetts General Law, your Veterans' Service Officer Counsels, files claims, and explores every avenue leading to the resources and revenue available for the veteran. The veteran or dependent of the veteran must be motivated to realize and be aware of his or her own assets. Where rehabilitation may be required, proper attention is given to that need, while treating the veteran or his dependent with dignity and courtesy. Our services to veterans and to their dependents are a record of which we are proud.

Your Veterans' Service Officer will continue to meet his responsibility to the taxpayer with diligence, keeping in mind that monies received from other resources will reduce the financial responsibility to the Town.

Major changes in Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 115, affecting all veterans within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts include:

1. We now have two State cemeteries - located in Agawam-Winchendon.
2. Reimbursement to cities and town, 75% of the cost of flags for flagging veteran's gravesites on Memorial Day.
3. Reimbursement to each city and town 100% for training programs for veterans service officers.
4. Increase in real estate tax abatement for certain disabled veterans.
5. Granting surviving spouse of certain disabled veterans the same real estate tax abatement that the veterans received while alive.
6. Increased annuity payments to \$2,000.00, including all 100% disabled veterans, gold star parents and gold star spouses of eligible deceased veteran's, c 115, sec 6a, 6b, and 6c.
7. An increase in Burial Allowance to \$2,000.00.
8. Peacetime Veterans now qualify for c115 State Benefits.
9. Established and funded a Women's Outreach Program.
10. Welcome Home Bonus - c130 Acts of 2005 - \$1,000.00--\$500.00.

A note of interest-we find that many of our returning Afghanistan-Iraq war veterans have not filed for their State Bonus-
As well as those who have served in Bosnia-Kosovo Conflicts

11. Compilation of all veterans of all wars.
12. Established veterans web site

My thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their understanding of the needs of veterans and for their continued support to insure that those Veterans Service Department's justifiable monetary benefits are met. The Department of Veterans' Services and the Town will continue to fulfill the needs of those who served.

The Department of Veterans' Services will continue to provide service to our Veterans and their dependents, being aware of the fact that our services have constantly increased. It is, therefore, necessary to emphasize the quality of services and continue with our best effort to maintain an efficient and economical Veterans Assistance Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony J. Mastroianni
Director



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Robert Bird, Chair
James Morin
Aldo P. Tarca

Timothy J. Watson,
Manager

TOWN OF HOPEDALE WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENTS ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Dear Residents,

The past fiscal year, like the previous year, presented revenue challenges to support the approved budgets for both the water and sewer departments. In fiscal year 2008 the departments experienced low revenue due to drought conditions and increased cost in purchased water, while this past fiscal year we saw low revenues due to the abnormally high amounts of precipitation. To deal with the shortfall in revenues, both departments cut earmarked spending, performed operations typically hired out and refrained from hiring a replacement employee for several months. These efforts proved successful but did not alleviate the need for a rate increase for the coming year.

With these conditions the water department was still able to work with the residents on Jones Road to rectify low volume issues and repair the roads, clean both well sites and replace nonfunctioning main gates and hydrants throughout town. Additionally the departments received approval from the DEP to utilize two new bedrock wells with the addition of a treatment plant. The departments' engineering firm has designed and submitted these plans to the state for approval and will be seeking funding in the fall of 2009. These additional wells will allow the department to reduce its spending on purchased water. With filtration and treatment a much higher quality of water will be provided to the residents of Hopedale.

The sewer department continues to fulfill its requirements as stated in an Administrative Consent Order from the DEP and the EPA and completed two of three major upgrades at the treatment plant. The first controls the amount of chemical into the waste water by means of flow pacing and will save the department in chemical costs and elevated overdosing and the second project consisted of a fixed media to control ammonia limits as required in the ACO. These upgrades have already improved the quality of the effluent being discharged into the Mill River. The final upgrade needed to lower phosphorous and copper concentrations is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2009 and the department is confident that all the issues within the ACO will be correct in accordance with the DEP's and EPA's order.

Sincerely,
For the Water & Sewer Commission
Timothy J. Watson, Manager

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Last/First Name</u>	<u>YTD True Gross</u>
101	ALBERTO, LISA M	975.00
101	ALGER, TIMOTHY J.	525.00
101	BIAGETTI, SANDRA E.	581.00
101	BIRD, ROBERT H	700.00
101	BREESE JR., RICHARD	500.00
101	BURNS, AMY J.	500.00
101	CARROLL, JAMES F.	300.00
101	COMASTRA, DONALD D	300.00
101	CONDON, JOHN E.	250.00
101	CORREA, MATTHEW	250.00
101	COSTANZA, LOUIS J	700.00
101	DRUGAN, JOSEPH P	10,229.24
101	ESPANET, RICHARD P	563.44
101	FARRER JR, JOHN E	800.00
101	GALLAGHER, STEVEN J.	450.00
101	HAMPSCH, MARY L.	1,317.20
101	HAYRES, DONNA M.	447.81
101	HOLLAND, EDWARD A.	1,190.00
101	HOPKINS, KARLA J.	375.00
101	HOWES, DONALD W.	600.00
101	KINCAID, SUSAN L.	836.56
101	LERNER, ELIZABETH	1,000.00
101	MARTIN, RICHARD W.	1,000.00
101	MAURER, HOWARD L.	900.00
101	MCELROY, MARGARET M.	300.00
101	MITCHELL, PETER B	615.69
101	MORIN, JAMES M	685.00
101	MORO, ROBERT M.	669.46
101	OLDFIELD III, FREDERICK G	800.00
101	PALMER-HOWES, SUSAN A.	1,182.80
101	PIERCESAW, KENNETH G.	750.00
101	PISACANE, CATHERINE V.	700.00
101	POTTY, ELI	700.00
101	STRAPPONI, COLLEEN M.	300.00
101	SWEET, JOSEPH C.	700.00
101	TARCA, ALDO P	815.00
101	TONELLI, JUSTINE A.	1,000.00
101	WRIGHT, KATHERINE M.	850.00
102	ANDERSON, KRISTINA L.	2,248.32
102	ARCUDI, LOUIS J.	913.96
102	HAMMOND, ROBERT A.	250.00
102	GARDNER, JAMES M	3,893.51
102	SPARLING, MERRILY C.	27,329.18
102	WASHBURN, PAUL SCOTT	1,747.93
102	WATSON, THOMAS E	36,210.41
104	AVELLINO, JOSEPH A.	4,353.28
104	BALLOU, PETER M.	2,144.56
104	BETSCHART, THOMAS J.	6,673.68

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<u>Dept</u>	<u>Last/First Name</u>	<u>YTD True Gross</u>
104	CIARAMICOLI, MICHAEL	3,676.60
104	CORCORAN, RICHARD R.	2,049.80
104	DIAMOND, PATRICIA E.	526.68
104	FITZGERALD, RAYMOND F.	3,818.31
104	GOMES, GREGORY S.	862.59
104	GRIFFITH, MARK S.	2,790.54
104	GROSS, VERNON	505.00
104	HAMILTON, STEVEN J.	10,272.20
104	KELLY, MATTHEW S.	1,168.62
104	LOPEZ, DANIEL	1,913.78
104	MALNATI, MICHAEL M.	2,004.71
104	MALNATI, ROBERT M JR	779.92
104	MARCOTTE, MARK A.	2,543.29
104	MINICHIELLO, JR., ROBERT	3,328.77
104	MURDOCK, DEREK P.	12,220.54
104	MURPHY, HAROLD V	2,389.21
104	TARELLA, MICHAEL D	1,769.84
104	VIGNONE, JAMES P.	346.64
104	WAGNER, TEDDY R	9,926.65
114	LARKIN, FRANCIS J	200.00
122	BURNS, ROBERT P.	1,305.32
122	COLLINS, MICHAEL E	2,317.28
122	RYAN, ALAN J.	2,000.00
123	ANDREOTTI, JOANNE	326.25
123	GOODWIN, PATRICIA G.	43,062.36
123	PHILLIPS, EUGENE N.	78,790.87
135	CATANZARITI, LINDA M.	57,279.39
135	PEDROLI, LISA M	29,745.48
141	GONSALVES, TERESA M.	57,795.39
141	WHYTE, CAROL A.	37,204.14
145	LAMPHERE, DONNA	37,893.53
145	SAMPSON, PATRICIA A.	37,226.23
145	WALLS, BARBARA J.	59,531.60
161	JACARUSO, JANET O	33,410.28
210	BELBEN, JR., KENNETH A.	67,268.20
210	CONLON, JOSEPH P.	65,822.05
210	COSTANZA, EUGENE P	103,565.84
210	GAGNON, JOHN P	57,787.86
210	GIOVANELLA, MARK A	126,687.29
210	LIMA, MARCO C.	64,743.72
210	LIMA, RICARDO C.	77,433.99
210	MAHAN, STEVEN R	57,607.81
210	MARTIN SR, DONALD J	81,496.90
210	MINICHELII, WAYNE J	59,049.84
210	STARKUS, BRANDON M.	52,085.57
210	STODULSKI, STEVEN P.	52,729.33
211	COLLINS, LISA M	52,560.52
211	CORMIER, ROBERT A.	567.68
211	GLEASON, PAULA A.	42,270.33
211	HOUDE, JOSEPH E.	385.92

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<u>Dept</u>	<u>Last/First Name</u>	<u>YTD True Gross</u>
211	LAPORTA, STEPHEN A.	30,630.54
211	MASON, CHERIE A	47,231.20
211	PINGETON, CHRISTINE E.	3,086.60
211	SANCHES, DAVID O.	327.88
211	TEBEAU, JOHN A	11,247.52
220	BARRY, PAUL	55,107.99
220	DAIGE, THOMAS M JR	70,918.33
220	FOSBURGH, JR., LESLIE N.	63,445.51
220	GARLAND, SCOTT	74,629.10
220	GLEASON JR, RICHARD J	72,606.22
220	MCMORROW, DAVID J	63,851.24
225	BLANCHETTE, DAVID P.	616.00
225	BLANCHETTE, DONALD R.	308.00
225	CASTIGLIONE, PAUL	308.00
225	COFFEY, JOHN S.	924.00
225	CYR, ALAN J.	308.00
225	DAIGLE, STEPHEN R.	308.00
225	DOCURRAL, DANIEL J.	308.00
225	DUNLAVEY, PHILIP G	1,516.00
225	FALVEY, DAVID F.	1,232.00
225	GRADY, DENNIS P.	4,724.75
225	GUZOWSKI, EDWARD W.	308.00
225	HARRIS, BRIAN L	308.00
225	HERON, JAMES C	981.75
225	HESTER, CHARLES E	3,921.12
225	HOAR, T. MATTHEW	1,540.00
225	KLOCZKOWSKI, GUY S.	2,180.00
225	KUTCHER, BRIAN D.	639.00
225	MASSEY, BRIAN	616.00
225	MASTROIANNI, MICHAEL D.	142.00
225	MEINCKE III, JOHN W.	308.00
225	POIRIER, BRUCE A.	4,062.50
225	POISSANT, RUSSELL P.	924.00
225	POKORNICKI, JR., EDWARD W	1,800.00
225	POXON, ISAIAH R.	616.00
225	RIZOLI, PETER J.	308.00
225	ROLLS, JULIUS L. JR.	1,552.00
225	RUSSO, ARTHUR A.	1,540.00
225	SANCHIONI, JOHN A.	1,405.25
225	SAVOIE, FREDERICK	781.00
225	SOUSA, CARLOS A.	308.00
225	SULLO, NICHOLAS L.	1,232.00
225	TESTA, TODD	1,516.00
225	VARTERESIAN, JEFFREY J	1,540.00
225	WALCKNER, JAMES A	616.00
231	JENKINS, RYAN T.	57,396.41
241	GIAMPIETRO, MICHAEL A.	1,000.00
241	TUSINO, MICHAEL A	26,283.60
243	FONTANA, JOHN C	4,320.00
243	ZACCHILLI, JOSEPH P.	240.00

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<u>Dept</u>	<u>Last/First Name</u>	<u>YTD True Gross</u>
245	SCANZAROLI, JOSEPH F.	6,120.00
292	IZZO, MICHAEL A.	7,722.57
294	LYONS, LEO	1,000.00
422	BIAGETTI, ROBERT A.	46,290.51
422	DEPONTE, ROBERT S	70,867.69
422	LAMBERT, GERALD	54,651.93
422	MANNING, DONALD E.	23,737.78
422	NADEAU, CHRISTOPHER	55,982.77
422	OZELLA III, VINCENT J	45,792.56
440	BROWN, JR., MICHAEL R.	56,406.30
440	DEMEO, VINCENT M.	61,794.30
440	WATSON, TIMOTHY J	75,628.58
440	WEBB, KENNETH D.	53,814.83
450	DOWDEN, DAVID O	53,177.92
450	HOLLAND, SANDRA A.	25,751.20
450	SCHREIBER, JOHN T	57,836.35
511	FILOSA, CHASE W.	3,108.00
511	FORBES, SHAWN M.	2,625.00
511	IZZO, LEONARD A	41,923.51
511	VENDETTI, LUCIO P.	3,276.00
541	DELETTI, ESTHER P	8,635.24
541	MOSHER, NANCY E.	10,175.89
541	MULLEN, CAROLE K.	29,585.10
543	MASTROIANNI, A J	2,953.50
610	BARRETT, KELLEY M.	931.30
610	FIELDS, SYLVIA ANN	12,950.21
610	KRAIMER, ELAINE M	34,480.56
610	MANCUROWSKY, WALTER P	5,276.85
610	SARTORI, SARA L.	11,034.73
610	SULLIVAN, WENDY H.	31,791.76
610	YORK, ROBYN E.	8,768.03
650	BREESE, LINDSAY M.	2,060.64
650	ENGLUND, KATHERINE E.	858.00
650	ESPANET, KEVIN C.	1,100.00
650	GORMAN, BARRY M.	7,094.00
650	MAIN, LAUREN D.	880.00
650	RAGONESE, ANNA D.	1,597.50
650	SCHULMAN, REBECCA A.	2,448.76
650	SESONA, MARK G	19,779.00
900	APPELL, LISA	68,359.21
900	BURT, LINDSEY J.	2,111.00
900	CALLAHAN, ELIZABETH S.	53,168.14
900	CAMPBELL, NANCY J.	21,323.68
900	CARRIER, JULIE A	20,090.08
900	COLANTONI, JEAN L	29,278.34
900	CURTIS, JEAN	11,975.55
900	ESPANET, MELISSA M	54,731.70
900	FERRELLI II, VINCENT F.	21,071.94
900	HOPKINSON, ALLAN G.	18,456.69
900	IACIOFANO, CORY E.	1,260.00

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<u>Dept</u>	<u>Last/First Name</u>	<u>YTD True Gross</u>
900	KELLEHER, CHERYL	44,901.27
900	LANE, DEBRA A.	11,706.57
900	LAUMEISTER, DENISE T	25,728.61
900	LEE, HEATHER A.	17,283.86
900	MARSHALL, SAMUEL D.	1,800.00
900	MCGUANE, ASHLEY L.	2,111.00
900	MULLANEY, MICHAEL J.	27,003.84
900	PETERS, KAREN	35,126.17
900	PETERS, RALPH W	3,750.69
900	PLATI, THOMAS J.	100,585.94
900	QUIRK, BEVERLY J.	43,947.33
900	RUANE, PATRICIA C.	143,700.70
900	SMITH, DAVID P.	581.40
900	SMITH, PAMELA J	42,499.99
900	TADDEO, DEBORAH ANN	11,469.61
900	WASNEWSKI, ANDREA M	36,810.45
902	ALVAREZ, KELLI A.	75.00
902	ANDREANO, ROBERT J.	1,250.00
902	ANTOLINI, CHRISTOPHER A.	300.00
902	ARCUDI, JOSEPH F.	1,650.00
902	ARCUDI, MICHAEL J.	75.00
902	ASHBY, WANDA L.	412.50
902	BALOG, CHRISTINE	12,020.52
902	BAVOSI, MICHELLE A.	150.00
902	BEAUCHAMP, DANIEL J.	600.00
902	BERNARD, DEBORAH S.	74.25
902	BROWN, KERRY ANN	575.00
902	CANDINI, DENNIS J.	300.00
902	CHIASSON, NINA	408.38
902	COLELLI, MICHAEL L.	1,125.00
902	CONE, CATHI J.	523.25
902	CORVI, KIMBERLEY	100.00
902	CRONIN, KATE	1,050.00
902	CROWELL, ANNE V.	7,260.00
902	CUGINI, BRENDA M.	24.75
902	D'ALESSANDRO, KATHY J.	2,025.00
902	DELVECCHIO, MARCIA C.	750.00
902	DIVITTORIO, LISA M.	175.00
902	DOANE, SANDRA L.	2,049.99
902	DOS RAMOS, OLGA M.	600.00
902	ELLIOTT, RYAN J.	1,350.00
902	FANTINI, LAURA J.	130.00
902	HARWICK-FOLEY, KATHRYN D.	7,475.00
902	IACOVELLI, NINA M.	268.07
902	JACKSON-LOVEWELL, JOYCE L	65.00
902	JOHN, LINDA A.	59.81
902	JOHNSON, JENNIFER L.	300.00
902	KABAT, LINDA A.	900.00
902	KELLEY JR, HENRY	300.00
902	KELLY, RACHEL C.	150.00

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Last/First Name</u>	<u>YTD True Gross</u>
902	KERR, LAURA B.	3,325.00
902	KIESMAN, BRIAN A.	1,425.00
902	KROESEN, JEFFREY S.	375.00
902	LABOSSIERE, GREGORY J.	1,085.50
902	LEPORATI, COLLEEN A.	462.50
902	LUCHINI, DIANE P.	1,332.50
902	MAINES, MEGHAN B.	1,350.00
902	MARCET, LYDIA A.	150.00
902	MCCAW, STEVEN J.	787.50
902	MCGRATH, DONNA	7,987.50
902	MIKLOSOVICH, CHARLES J.	1,725.00
902	MILANI, JANE L.	4,946.07
902	MORIN, JOAN D	130.00
902	NEWMAN, RACHEL B.	2,475.00
902	NIRO, JR., ANTONIO M.	450.00
902	PANORESE, JENNIFER K.	1,700.00
902	PANTANO, BETH A	1,012.50
902	PARMENSI, KERRI A.	200.00
902	PILLA, MELISSA L.	450.00
902	READ, MARY ELLEN A.	150.00
902	RINEHART, RICHARD J	2,602.00
902	SALVATORE, LISA L.	2,520.00
902	SANTACROCE, RONALD	6,043.24
902	SCHLUPF, CHRISTINA	800.00
902	SILVA, JEAN M.	162.94
902	SMALL, JOSEPH J	3,900.00
902	SPARKS, KAREN S.	1,987.50
902	SPENCER-TRAVERS, JANICE C	1,350.00
902	STEVENS, JOSHUA P.	1,615.00
902	STEVENS, MATHEW E.	1,425.00
902	SWANSON, CATHERINE A.	6,462.50
902	TAPANAINEN, YOLANDA M	300.00
902	THIFFAULT, KOREY L.	75.00
902	THOMAS, MARGARET A.	150.00
902	THOMPSON, NATALIE E.	600.00
902	TODD, KRISTEN M.	100.00
902	TUITE, MELISSA E.	800.00
902	VILLANI, CHRISTOPHER M.	525.00
902	WHEELER, STACEY J.	459.95
908	ANDOLINA, LINDA C.	17,092.78
908	APICELLA, SUSAN	62,352.09
908	ATKINSON, MARIE	12,216.88
908	BALKUS, AMY L.	3,237.57
908	BIRD, LAURIE M	17,539.54
908	BLASZKA, JAIMI L.	19,770.90
908	CREEKMORE, ALEXANDRA L.	114.00
908	CREEKMORE, JOAN C	21,705.32
908	DAVIS, MARY LYNNE	13,908.44
908	ESPANET, KATHLEEN A.	9,856.07
908	GLENN, SALLY ANN	25,479.47

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908	KAPATOES, MELINDA J.	9,776.57
908	KEANEY, SHANNON	12,449.09
908	LAMBERT, KRISTINA A.	9,004.90
908	LAWRENCE, ABBE G.	7,567.56
908	LEMON, SANDRA	25,697.66
908	MACQUARRIE, CARLA J.	2,590.50
908	MARTIN, REBECCA J.	55,474.17
908	MESSIER, LAURA M.	12,229.03
908	MOSSMAN, CHERYL	12,239.45
908	MOSSMAN, LAUREN	724.00
908	MOSSMAN, NICOLE	199.50
908	MOSSMAN, SAMANTHA A.	228.00
908	MULREADY, SUSAN A	80,036.14
908	MURPHY, DANA	21,749.50
908	RANDO, CINDY L.	23,346.71
908	ROSSACCI, KAREN S	25,799.96
908	RUDDOCK, PAMELA	14,290.64
908	SPATES, LINDA M.	26,414.00
908	SPINELLI, ANGELA M.	8,622.04
908	THOMPSON, VALERIE M.	50.00
911	ALDRICH, ELSIE E.	56,859.36
911	APICELLA, ERIKA M.	2,068.10
911	ARCUDI, MARY	24,741.64
911	ARNOLD, LORRAINE	3,966.62
911	ARSENAULT, SUSAN	17,917.17
911	AW, MICHAEL	72,515.82
911	BAILLARGEON, FREDERICKE L	70,073.12
911	BARRETT, KAREN F.L.	15,539.30
911	BAZINET, STEPHANIE J.	49,780.54
911	BECKVOLD, DIANA A.	2,711.20
911	BERLINGUET, JALENE D.	21,404.84
911	BERTONAZZI, LISA R.	40,992.23
911	BORGH, ANDREA T.	29,063.06
911	BOURGERY, DANIEL	67,499.66
911	BOURGERY, JOSHUA D.	480.00
911	BOWEN, DOREEN E	75,879.37
911	BREGANI, MELISSA J.	13,822.11
911	BRESCIANI, KAELE E.	1,384.15
911	BRIDGES, JULIE A.	23,097.98
911	BUONOMO, MEGAN J.	55,134.27
911	CABELLI-LATTIMER, JENNIFE	45,823.34
911	CANDINI, MARIAN E	81,337.57
911	CAPPABIANCA, CHRISTINE MA	63,602.21
911	CARBONI, JANET	68,588.46
911	CARLSON, JUDITH MARIE	60,949.78
911	CASTIGLIONI, MARIA	49,913.20
911	CAULKINS, LINDA B.	13,344.89
911	COLLETTE, COLEEN	77,961.62
911	CONSIGLI, MARISA A.	44,853.74
911	CORMIER, CHERYL	74,606.28

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911	CORNELL, LUCILLE M	38,238.40
911	DELUCA, JANET	80,244.87
911	DIEMONT, DEBORA L.	46,659.00
911	DIONNE, JACQUELYN A.	7,207.90
911	DOS RAMOS, MARIA SUAREZ	56,126.05
911	DUNN, SUZANNE G W	72,835.17
911	D'URSO, THOMAS R	82,319.03
911	EDWARDS, RYAN T.	1,591.63
911	ELLIOTT, KATHRYN N.	15,329.30
911	FINNEGAN, JOANNE SCOTTI	103,603.00
911	FOX, BETH BARBARA	65,455.79
911	GENTILE, ANTONINO G.	134.00
911	GENTILE, JULIET A.	73,027.07
911	GILBERTSON JR, ROBERT E	32,787.02
911	GILCHRIST, KELLY A.	15,489.03
911	GONZALEZ, GINA	136.00
911	GROSS, MARK E.	8,873.57
911	HANLEY, KATHERINE E.	19,478.56
911	HEDTLER, AMY S	66,833.45
911	IMBRUNO, ANTHONY B	6,703.01
911	JOHNS, ALLISON L.	12,054.10
911	JOHNSON, DIANNE M	66,488.46
911	KELLY, MEGAN M.	2,339.61
911	KIZIELEWICZ, NICOLE I.	399.00
911	KLEI, SHERYL A.	14,616.28
911	KLING, REASHA A	16,150.23
911	KNOWLES, BROOKE C.	56,126.12
911	KOUMANELIS-URQUHART, NEAL	59,399.13
911	KUT, JOYCE	15,504.77
911	LABOSSIERE, CLAIRE	15,416.34
911	LAMORA, LINDA L.	11,226.11
911	LARRABEE, MICHELLE E.	8,305.05
911	LAUMEISTER, NOELLE S.	1,957.29
911	LECLAIRE, JANE M	77,207.42
911	LEWIS, RONALD	72,611.55
911	LOUCKS, JENNIFER L.	18,161.95
911	LYALL, ANNA MARIE	13,286.12
911	MACDONALD, CHERYL	28,557.00
911	MACEWEN, SHANNON R.	7,774.91
911	MANGANO, BARBARA J.	14,855.75
911	MANNING, LAURA J.	7,920.83
911	MANOLI, CLAUDIA A.	12,712.44
911	MARACLE, SHERRY A.	5,073.54
911	MARTIN, KAREN ANNE	44,704.63
911	MARTIN, KERRI L.	15,023.99
911	MARTIN-FENG, MINDY A.	64,255.49
911	MCPHERSON-TODD, KELLY	63,691.29
911	MILLER, BRIAN M	71,376.14
911	MILLER, CHARLENE G.	1,050.60
911	MILLER, SUSAN J.	10,586.15

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911	MOORADIAN, MARILYN	67,496.55
911	MOSHER, NICHOLAS E.	4,686.29
911	NOLAN, DONNA M.	5,143.59
911	PAGE, JANET R	75,056.68
911	PAOLINI, STEPHANIE C.	4,171.75
911	PHILLIPS, LINDA J	77,418.63
911	PIGEON, LISA MARIE	32,873.88
911	PLICHTA, LAUREN F.	6,418.87
911	POMEROY, AMANDA H.	60,070.55
911	RODRICK, MARY JEAN	5,428.50
911	ROLO, ANN M	74,901.18
911	ROMASCO, ALEXA K	58,126.05
911	ROPAR, KAITLIN M.	2,062.31
911	ROSSI, FRANCES	33,970.75
911	SALAKI, MARGARET R.	7,764.36
911	SILVA, RACHEL A.	1,732.99
911	SKORUPA, CANDACE C	41,156.38
911	SMITH, SUZANNE M.	7,883.16
911	SPERANDIO, JESSICA A.	41,281.56
911	ST. SAUVEUR, LORI A.	7,124.64
911	STACKPOLE, KAREN W.	54,671.95
911	STEVENS, LEAH M	6,686.03
911	SULLIVAN, CAROL E.	7,039.92
911	SUTTON, SR., WILLIAM STEP	34,994.41
911	SWETT, SUSAN	1,648.17
911	TUITE, LINDA J.	30,652.98
911	VALDEZ-MORAN, BERTHA I	63,243.03
911	VERDOLINO, NANCY KELLY	79,184.27
911	WALKER, JACQUELINE A	77,963.94
911	WEAVER, LINDSAY R.	2,627.39
911	WILLIAMS, SAM	40,545.67
911	WODIN, LAURIE S	73,222.55
931	ADAMS, KATHRYN E.	48,298.58
931	ALGER, ERYKA K.	893.70
931	ALGER, JEFFREY R.	273.00
931	ALGER, KARLENE A	36,544.27
931	ARMOUR, PATRICIA	52,648.59
931	BEAUDRY, ANTHONY	76,269.28
931	BERTRAND, DAVID B.	44,354.59
931	BETSCHART, ANNE MARIE	21,667.16
931	BILLINGS, JANET E.	800.00
931	BLOOD, JODY L.	43,825.63
931	BREEN, DENNIS J.	117,373.60
931	BROOKE, JANICE	78,331.71
931	BUCKLEY, JYLL M.	5,481.38
931	BUSCONE, SARAH J.	23,659.60
931	BUTLER, M KELLEY	84,342.13
931	CARROLL, CHRISTINE E.	3,500.00
931	CHAREST, JAMES R.	6,879.83
931	CHATHAM, CHRISTOPHER M.	10,476.95

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931	COLE, CYNTHIA A.	78,261.62
931	COLELLI, JUNE	52,208.66
931	CORDANI, ANTHONY	75,984.58
931	CRAWFORD, JOHN L.	18,918.89
931	CRESCENZI, JOSHUA T.	15,378.70
931	CUNNINGHAM, ALEXANDER W.	46,311.28
931	DAFONTE, MARIA G	89,449.02
931	D'AMICO, SANDRA	74,717.06
931	DEDONATO, RYAN D.	1,785.00
931	DELLORUSSO, RITA A.	6,502.76
931	DIAntonio, JILL	45,887.61
931	ENGLUND, ANN D	36,185.67
931	EPPLEY, AMANDA M.	7,110.00
931	EVANS III, EDWARD W.	47,350.98
931	FALVEY, ANDREA F.	2,832.50
931	FIELDER, JANICE	19,807.77
931	FISCHER, THOMAS	75,280.98
931	FRANCIS, CORTLAND C	4,206.25
931	GRANCHELLI, PATRICIA A.	11,386.55
931	GUADAGNOLI, SHERRI L.	68,568.84
931	GUERTIN, PATRICIA	35,512.65
931	GUGLIOTTA, LAURA A.	48,711.37
931	HAMMANN, THOMAS M.	5,811.96
931	HARTZ, EMILY E.	41,570.06
931	HERON, LAWRENCE	83,568.13
931	HODGDON, KATHRYN A.	43,893.88
931	INGEMI, LAURA M.	17,393.00
931	JOHNSON, NANCY A	82,565.56
931	KELLY, SUSAN P	61,034.37
931	LABBE, JENNIFER J.	32,383.52
931	LABRODE, ANN	75,306.28
931	LADIEU, JESSICA K.	70,235.78
931	LEVINSOHN, JOAN ROSE	74,592.35
931	LISKA, SARAH W.	50,971.42
931	LOPES, ELIZABETH F	76,218.84
931	MAINES, KEVIN G.	92,508.69
931	MCGUANE, JEANNE E.	37,335.75
931	MCKINNON, LINDSAY M.	16,484.20
931	MELANSON, JAMES K.	40.00
931	MENDALA-THOMPSON, RUTH	81,334.26
931	MENDES, CHRISTINE	25,301.63
931	MULRONEY, MARY M	74,717.06
931	NICHOLSON, DANIEL	84,300.43
931	OLIVEIRA, JENNIFER D.	64,368.22
931	OLIVERI, TALITHA	66,198.65
931	PARKER, JEFFREY S.	4,749.20
931	PEARL, DOROTHY L.	65,071.85
931	POSCH, ALEXANDER M.	2,100.00
931	RASPALLO, KATHERINE A.	58,170.57
931	RIENDEAU, TOD	32,468.55

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931	ROSENBERGER, DERRICK A.	285.00
931	SANTOSUOSSO, JENNIFER B.	45,646.36
931	SLACK, STEPHANIE A.	14,819.47
931	SNADDON GRIFFIN, HEATHER	83,856.28
931	SPOLLEN, LISA A.	3,876.00
931	ST. MARTIN, JILL	47,441.91
931	STEVENS, KATHRYN A	852.50
931	TAYLOR, MARGARET L.	46,351.45
931	TOBIASSON, KATHLEEN M.	17,130.00
931	TSACOYIANIS, JEFFREY J.	180.00
931	URMSTON, MARIE	70,475.69
931	URQUHART, MATTHEW P.	69,245.14
931	VANPATTEN, ASA M.	6,331.21
931	VIEIRA, VALERIE M.	15,378.70
931	VIERA, KELLY M	51,189.84
931	WHITTAKER, BUFFIE M.	5,528.39
931	WOOLHISER, JAMES	32,310.15
934	FONSECA, LAURA	13,059.34
934	KENNY, ELLEN N.	3,971.85
934	MALAVASIC, GEORGE M.	324.00
934	MARTINO, JANICE A.	6,940.07
934	MCELROY, KATHY	11,183.71
934	STARE, JOSEPHINE	14,775.79
935	COWEN, JOHN M.	4,350.00
935	GORMAN, DEBORAH	3,500.00
935	MATTIE, CHARLES R.	4,100.00
935	MCCALLUM, JAMES R.	3,500.00
935	OLSEN, LAURENCE C.	10,500.00
935	RISIO, MARK	6,018.00
982	ADU-GYAMFI, MARY N.	30,226.91
982	ALGER, MICHAEL	4,733.30
982	ANTOLINI, GINA A	6,176.92
982	ANZALONE, MARCIA L.	26,084.46
982	BALLAN, TERESA A.	806.64
982	BROWN, MEGAN M.	9,785.16
982	CHABOT, CHRISTINE M.	13,473.96
982	DILIS, ERIN E.	9,493.44
982	EKWALL, MERIDETH L	55,479.76
982	FALLON, STACIE M.	1,846.89
982	GREEN, THERESE D.	45,769.24
982	HATCHER, CARISSA M.	6,553.03
982	HORAN, NANCY E.	31,875.46
982	HOWARD, MARY E	6,567.16
982	JUMP, JAMIE L.	9,183.54
982	KELLER, Nanci	19,511.99
982	KIMBALL, MEGHAN-BRIGID D.	30,325.59
982	LEE, MARGUERITE M.	4,250.70
982	LEWIS, GLORIA	1,489.95
982	LISKA, TOMAS	7,946.50
982	LOCKLIN, TAMI L.	9,324.99

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982	MARTIN, MELISSA A.	4,425.75
982	PIERGUSTAVO, RICHARD	46,842.56
982	REYNOLDS JR., JAMES J	28,884.77
982	RINEHART, PHILIP S	49,925.02
982	ROUGHAN, EMILY F.	9,505.65
982	SCALESE, JENNIFER J.	30,802.38
982	SCHILOSKI, HEATHER M.	6,917.78
982	SIMONEAU, BRENN A.	3,951.90
982	STROM, KYLE H.	408.00
982	TATTERSALL, ELIZABETH A	2,006.40
982	TUNNELL, LAINE E.	7,477.58
982	WASNEWSKI, LISA	1,671.63
982	WATT, JANICE	11,061.52
982	YOUNG, ALISSA A.	5,026.41

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